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Peres ups number of Palestinian work permits

BATSHEVA TSUR and news agencies

ISRAEL will increase the number of Palestinian workers allowed to cross the Green Line to help improve the economic situation in the territories, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said last night, after conferring with Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat at the Erez checkpoint.

Some 3,000 workers will be allowed to enter Israel from Hebron, Peres said.

"Then what we expect is... for the Palestinian Authority to make a real effort to prevent any form of terror," Peres told reporters. "If the Palestinian Authority prevents violence and terror, it helps all of us. The rifle, the terror, are joint enemies of the two sides."

He also stressed that he expected Arafat to make good on a promise to revoke, within two months, the PLO Covenant calling for Israel's destruction.

Arafat, however, avoided a commitment by saying it was up to the Palestine National Council to revoke the covenant, not him.

"The voters were not just voting for us as persons, but they were voting for the peace process," Arafat told the news conference, in a reference to Saturday's Palestinian elections.

Peres termed the elections "a real verdict [for] peace on the Palestinian side."

Peres noted optimistically the "beginning of relations of what one could call 'people-to-people.'"

"The Arabs, the Palestinians and the Israelis who live in close proximity will meet as human beings," he said, "and the doors of Kfar Sava and Kibbutz already getting together." "This creates an understanding and a different atmosphere."

He said that the years of coexistence with Israel's Arab citizens could serve as an example. "We have learned that Arabs and Israelis can build and live together."

Asked about a newspaper interview in which he said he could see a Palestinian state within 18 months, Arafat said: "It is my right to dream."

Peres, standing beside Arafat, said: "I accept it as a dream. A dream can be one-sided; an agreement needs two sides."

Peres referred to Arafat twice as *ra'is*, appearing to avoid using the term "president."



Palestinians and IDF soldiers clash yesterday near the village of Habla, south of Kalkiya, after the Palestinians tried to prevent the construction of a road and a fence around the adjacent settlement of Mastan. The protesters threw stones and bottles at a bulldozer leveling the land, lightly wounding a soldier guarding the workers. The soldiers responded by firing rubber and plastic bullets. Two Palestinians were wounded and two arrested, Army Radio reported. (AP)

Biran, Bodinger to be replaced soon

ON LEVY

A FEW DAYS of senior IDF appointments is expected to follow, with both OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran and OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Herzl Bodinger expected to be replaced.

Biran, who will have served two years by April, has said recently he knows of no other major-general who was OC Central Command for more than two years, and has no plans to be an exception.

It is not clear whether Biran will be given another General Staff position or will retire.

The sources hinted that Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak might offer him the job of coordinating the army staff work on a future agreement with Syria, a job now being done by OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan.

Dayan, in turn, is being mooted as Biran's replacement, but sources close to Dayan say he is not interested in the job, preferring instead to remain in his present post and wait to be appointed OC Northern Command. Another possible replacement for Biran is OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Shani Mofaz.

Bodinger is to retire in June. He is widely expected to be replaced by Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Elihu, the current deputy head of the Operations Branch.

'Saguy has not been promised Mossad job'

ON LEVY and SARAH HONIG

FORMER OC Intelligence will be the next head of the Mossad or given any other job, sources in the Prime Minister's Office said yesterday.

The statement came after Saguy met with Prime Minister Shimon Peres, and it was later announced that Saguy might not run in the Labor primaries.

Saguy had recently joined the Labor Party, declared that he was entering the primaries and that he is after a ministerial or other executive post.

Nonetheless, the buzz word in Labor yesterday was that Peres had now offered Saguy a high position and that Saguy is considering it.

The sources pointed out that the current Mossad chief will

there has been no discussion of possible successors.

The sources added that when the time comes, there will be numerous candidates for the post, among them several retired generals.

One source said that "Saguy is rethinking his decision to run in the Labor primaries. He has seen several polls that indicate he has no clear advantage over the other candidates in his district, and thus is reconsidering his decision to run."

"Since it was Peres who convinced him to run, Saguy wanted to get his advice. We are talking about a political discussion, not one about any particular job or anything else."

Ministers pushing for early elections

Sarid blames Barak for putting brakes on talks

BATSHEVA TSUR and SARAH HONIG

PRESSURE appears to be mounting among cabinet ministers to push for early elections, following reports emanating from Maryland last night of a hardening of Syrian positions.

"We are on the way to early elections," Tourism Minister Uzi Baram was quoted as saying by Channel 1.

"It seems like we aren't going to be able to do business with the Syrians this year," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid reportedly said.

Sarid blamed Foreign Minister Ehud Barak, currently in the US, for jacking too hard a line with the Syrians.

"It seems that Barak is putting the brakes on, more than any other minister," Sarid said.

In New York, Barak told the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations that Israel will ensure that every cubic meter of water that flows into Lake Kinneret is Israeli.

"Our position on the final border has not yet been determined for the peace negotiations, including security elements, water, and normalization."

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, the TV report said, is currently looking for an excuse to advance the elections and is expected to come out and call for early balloting if US Secretary of State Warren Christopher's next Middle East shuttle, early next month, does not bear fruit.

Speculation about early elections was intensified when, at a Labor ministerial caucus, Peres again urged party secretary-general Nissim Zivili to look into advancing the party primaries.

This was done in the context of a discussion about the party's gearing up for the elections.

Some of the ministers pressed for early elections, at which point Peres turned to Zivili with his request.

In Maryland, Israeli and Syrian diplomats and military officers resumed the peace talks, the State Department said.

Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said five negotiators from each side, including two Syrian and two Israeli military officers, had begun talks at Wye Plantation, about an hour's drive from Washington. He said the talks are expected to continue through tomorrow and resume on Monday for a few days.

Syrian officials named their experts as Maj.-Gen. Ibrahim Omar and Maj.-Gen. Hassan Khalil, both believed to be high-ranking intelligence officers. The Israelis are OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom, Peres's military adviser.

"The United States hopes for very serious, productive and comprehensive discussions on all the issues that are currently separating Syria and Israel," Burns said in his final remarks.

The official Syrian press, meanwhile, urged Barak to authorize the Israeli negotiating team to accept equal security arrangements and agree to withdrawal from the Golan.

Faez Saigh, head of the official Syrian news agency Sana, described the talks as "a golden chance" and said the Syrian team is empowered to make decisions if the Israeli team responds to the Syrian demands.

Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu said that if his party wins the elections, it would never cede the Golan Heights.

"It is not Syrian land, it is part of the State of Israel," Netanyahu said.

PA official: Israel must apologize to our people

ISRAEL must apologize to the Palestinians for its behavior toward them throughout history, in the same way Germany apologized to Israel for persecuting Jews in Europe, senior Palestinian Authority official Adif Sa'afia said yesterday.

Sa'afia also said that after the refugee problem is solved the PA would be willing to accept a small number of "certain Jews" as residents, as long as they accept the law of the State of Palestine. However, he said, settlers will not be allowed to do so, since they are not a bridge to peace. (TIM)

60 Kiryat Arba residents demand help to leave now

HERB KENON

ABOUT 60 Kiryat Arba residents gathered yesterday to tell the media, as well as Meretz MKs Benny Temkin and Anat Maor, that the security situation on the roads has made their lives unbearable, and that they expect the government to help move them across the Green Line now.

The much publicized gathering, organized by Peace Now, took place on the grass outside an apartment building in the town, after attempts to fit everyone - including a large contingent of journalists - into a bomb shelter failed. The local council refused to meet in the community center, arguing that it has no obligation to help those seeking to undermine the settlement.

"We are here only because of the security situation," said Yossi Ben-Porat. "We are afraid to drive on the roads. We don't want millions, only to extract ourselves from this mud."

The actual meeting lasted about 30 minutes, and ended shortly after a few hecklers arrived.

"You are encouraging more terror attacks," one man shouted

at the group. "You don't deserve an agora. What do you think, that buses don't blow up in Jerusalem. If you have economic problems, do what you have to do quietly. The Arabs are also listening to you. You are sowing the seeds of panic that will encourage more attacks."

A number of policemen were on hand to separate the arguing sides, and one of the hecklers was ushered away by the police.

When Maor and Temkin made their way to their car, after telling the crowd that they will make sure the government hears their arguments, one activist shouted, "You are using people's pain to make political capital."

Temkin told the group that just as the government built numerous bypass roads, so it has an "obligation to answer your security concerns. We will not agree to your being kept hostage here."

After the gathering, local council head Zvi Katzover called a press conference to say that the group is a small minority in the settlement, and that rather than losing residents, Kiryat Arba has absorbed 196 families in the last two years. He did not give figures on how many families left.

Lottery fever Palestinian style

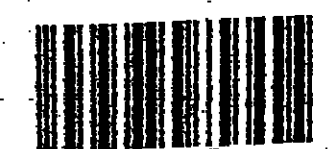
PALESTINIANS used to strike on the ninth day of every month to mark the anniversary of the intifada. Now they'll be spinning lottery wheels on that day, with proceeds going to those wounded in the revolt.

The first drawing for a top prize of NIS 100,000 will be held on March 9, Gima Samman of the private Palestinian National Lottery said yesterday.

Tickets will go on sale today, and cost NIS 10. Everyone can buy, organizers said, including Israelis.

Samman said her company would keep 10 percent of the proceeds, and the rest would be channeled to intifada victims through the Palestinian Welfare Ministry. (AP)

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Settler council: Right must be united

THE Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza must do everything it can to ensure that small parties do not form on the right and siphon off votes from the "national camp," Yisrael Harel said yesterday.

Harel was speaking to Arutz 7 after a morning of meetings held by the council in Ariel. The sessions dealt with both how best to organize for the upcoming elections, and how settlements can continue to grow despite the new situation in the territories.

"We want to ensure that small parties that either exist or are on the verge of being established don't cause the type of damage

they did last time, when they did not consider the general need and led to the downfall of the national camp," Harel said. He said it was not yet clear whether David Levy will indeed run a new party in the elections.

The participants at yesterday's meeting were told that right-wing parties that did not cross the electoral threshold in 1992, such as Tehiya, Rabbi Levinger's party, and the Sephardi breakaway party led by Eliezer Mizrahi, cost the Right some 85,000 votes.

"These votes were wasted, and ensured that Rabin won the elec-

tion, bringing the Oslo accords onto the horizon," Harel said.

Harel said that the council will not only support the right wing in the next elections, but will also provide it with organizational assistance.

Though the settlement leaders were also scheduled to talk about further development, Harel said that everyone understands that the future of the settlements will be determined by the elections.

Not everyone was happy with the agenda of the meetings, and one executive member, former MK Elyakim Ha'etzni, decided to stay away.



Members of a new, grassroots peace movement, which will act to raise support for the peace process and strengthen democratic values, announced its foundation at a Tel Aviv press conference yesterday and displayed their slogan "A whole generation demands peace." The assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the mass mourning period afterward brought hundreds of thousands of young people to the realization that they must actively support the peace process if it is to survive, movement founders said. (Text: Michal Yudelman; Photo: Israel Sun)

Peres: Ma'aleh Adumim will remain in Israel

HERB KEIRON and BATSHEVA TSUR

MA'ALEH Adumim will remain part of Israel in any agreement with the Palestinians, Mayor Benny Kasriel said he was assured by Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday.

According to Kasriel, Peres assured him that his policy toward Ma'aleh Adumim is the same as that of Yitzhak Rabin. Rabin told the Knesset prior to the ratification of the Oslo 2 agreements in October that he envisions that a number of settlement blocks will be annexed to Israel, including Ma'aleh Adumim.

Kasriel said that Peres's statement is the first time he has come out in favor of including Ma'aleh Adumim inside Israel. Kasriel initiated the meeting with Peres.

Last night, after his meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, Peres expanded on his statements and said Israel will not annex any settlement, including Ma'aleh Adumim, before a final agreement is reached.

Peres was twice asked to relate to reports that he had promised to keep the town part of a greater Jerusalem. He replied that Israel will abide by "the Camp David accords and the Oslo agreements, which stipulate that we cannot annex any settlements."

Government, opposition clash over PA elections aftermath

LIAT COLLINS

THE Palestinian Covenant must be changed if the peace process is to continue, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid told the Knesset yesterday, in response to several motions on the agenda on the Palestinian elections.

"The government is united in its stand that the changes to the Palestinian Covenant will not be a trick. If the covenant is not canceled, there can be no trust between us. And without trust there can be no continuation of the peace process. I say this unequivocally," Sarid said.

Sarid stressed the need for the rescinding of the clauses calling for Israel's destruction, rather than the creation of a new

covenant to replace them.

During the discussion, opposition MKs attacked the government for its decision to allow terror leaders to return to the territories. "Nayef Hawatmeh is like an Eichmann. Hawatmeh, like his other master terrorist friends, should be brought here in shackles for a trial and, like Eichmann, hanged. His ashes should be scattered across the Middle East, which is drenched in the blood of his victims," said David Mena (Likud).

Like most of the opposition MKs, Mena recalled Hawatmeh's involvement in the terror attack

on children at Ma'alot. "Their voices are calling out from their graves," he said.

"If he comes, he comes," Peres told reporters yesterday. "The question is not whether he will be tried, but rather whether he will be in Syria or in Gaza. I don't see any advantage in his being in Syria."

Hanan Porat (National Religious Party) accused the government of having no red lines and being immoral.

Sarid shot back. "Basing yourself on the past is not necessarily moral," he said. "And if we are trying to prevent wars and terror as far as possible, can there be anything more moral?"

'Hawatmeh wants to return to Palestine'

JON IMMANUEL

NAYEF Hawatmeh, leader of the rejectionist Democratic Front for the Palestinian National Council, an official in his Damascus office said yesterday.

Israel has invited rejectionist members of the PNC to return for a trial period in order to change their views on the Oslo accords and to allow PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to convene a PNC session. Its purpose is to revoke anti-Israel clauses in the PLO Covenant within two months of convening the newly elected legislative council after Ramadan. The council would therefore have to meet by the end of April.

Hawatmeh "is ready and always has been asking to get back

to Palestine and openly asking for two years at least. And all he has been asking for two years is the Palestinian National Council anyway. He is not a member of the National Council," said an official identifying himself as Ahmad Yasser Kayali.

Unlike many other PLO officials, Hawatmeh has no former home here, having been born east of the Jordan River. Although mostly associated with attacks on military targets, he is said to be behind the Ma'alot attack in which 24 Israeli schoolchildren died in 1974.

Kayali said he estimated there were 30 DFPL members of the PNC living in Damascus, Amman and Lebanon.

Jerusalem slates NIS 60m. for Arab development

BILL HUTMAN

AN unprecedented NIS 60 million is being allocated for development projects in Arab sections of the city, Mayor Ehud Olmert said yesterday.

"Saying the move is an effort to strengthen Israel's hold on the city."

A review of the 1996 city budget shows that the bulk of this money is going to building new classrooms, as part of an Education Ministry allocation lobbied for strongly by Mayor Ehud Olmert.

In other areas, such as welfare, roadwork, and planning, allocations for Arab neighborhoods still lag behind those to Jewish ones.

"We don't have any misconceptions that by providing better services in Arab neighborhoods, we will convince Arab residents they are better off under Israeli

rule," Deputy Mayor Shmuel Meir told a City Hall press conference.

"If the city is to remain unified."

Services and infrastructure in Arab sections of the capital lag far behind those in Jewish ones, with little funding having gone to the Arab sector in the past. The Olmert administration's policy, as put forth in the budget, is: "As Jerusalem is a unified city, under Israeli sovereignty, we must ensure equality [in funding]."

The development budget for Jerusalem's Arab neighborhoods is NIS 60.4m. out of a total development budget of NIS 272m. Before Olmert, city officials said, Arab neighborhoods received less than NIS 10m. annually.

Arafat accused of intimidating Palestinian journalists

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN journalists were so intimidated by the possibility of arrest for writing the wrong word, they barely covered the Reporters' without Borders, the Paris-based media watchdog, said yesterday.

As evidence of reporters' fears they pointed to the fact that hardly one Palestinian journalist came to their press conference at the National Palace Hotel on Jerusalem's Zehra Street.

One editor told the group that he did not cover the elections "because it was the only way to be sure not to be arrested," Thierry Gruvelier said.

Three weeks before the elections, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat arrested an editor at Al-Quds, the biggest selling Jerusalem Arabic daily.

His offense was that he did not publish on the front page a Bethy of Arafat being compared by the Greek Orthodox patriarch to Omar al-Khatib, the seventh century conqueror of Jerusalem.

Arafat, whose wife is Christian, said at a meeting with American Peace Now supporters last Friday that the Christian community was offended by the omission. He called the journalist in question, Maher Alami, "a collaborator who planted confusion between Moslems and Christians."

While Alami said there had been no room on the front page, Arafat said "the Israelis kept the picture off the page," because of their political position on Jerus-

lem. "I released him only because Prime Minister Shimon Peres contacted me. He was going to be taken to the courts."

Peres, said he intervened in a free press according to law. "I am committed to these laws, Egyptian law in Gaza and Jordanian law in the West Bank. I cannot change them." Under the law, he said, "It is forbidden to make confusion between Christians and Moslems. This is not Lebanon."

Bassam Eid, a human rights activist who was himself arrested for a day before the elections, then released after an international outcry, said the situation was more like Syria or Iraq.

"I was in Iraq and it seems very similar. All of the violations will after two or three years take very deep roots," if not uprooted now, Eid said.

Acre students kept home from school in protest over collaborator resettlement

DAVID RUDGE

MORE than 10,000 children in Acre did not attend school yesterday as part of a campaign by Jewish and Arab residents against the resettlement of collaborators from the territories and their families in the city.

The one-day warning strike was called by the public action committee established by residents with the full support of the municipality.

Mayor Eli De Castro sent a cable to Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr calling for urgent action to be taken by the Defense Ministry to move the families out of Acre and settle them elsewhere.

Not all parents supported the school strike, although the municipal spokesman said there was

a consensus among residents regarding the aims of the campaign.

The strike was also criticized by Deputy Education Minister Micha Goldman who said it was unfair to the children.

The residents and the municipality claim that the collaborators and their families are controversial and problematic, and their moving into Acre could upset the harmonious, but delicate, relations between Jews and Arabs developed over 45 years.

The municipality spokesman stressed that Acre had enough problems of a demographic and socio-economic nature without adding to the burden.

According to some reports, about 40 families from the territories have moved into city in the past few months.

The municipal spokesman said everybody understood the necessity to help those who had helped the state and that they should be provided with homes and security - but not in Acre.

The Prime Minister's Office said last night that the government has a moral obligation to ensure the personal security and full rehabilitation of collaborators, who helped the Israeli authorities in the territories.

Talks and sanctions continue over Rafael workers' dispute

DAVID RUDGE

TALKS between the Rafael management and the Treasury and the Histadrut continued in Tel Aviv last night in an effort to reach an agreement over dismissal terms for 250 employees of the armaments development authority.

Workers at the giant plant south of Acre are continuing with their sanctions, including refusing to answer phones or operate computers, as part of the campaign to get preferential

conditions for those who are to leave.

Yigal Cohen, head of the trade union department of the Histadrut's Haifa branch, said he was hopeful an agreement over the dismissal terms would be reached.

He said there were signs that their demands for severance payments and other conditions, over and above the stipulated minimum, would be accepted in part if not in full.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Third Way opens office in capital

The Third Way movement opened its Jerusalem office last night, at a gathering attended by movement head Avigdor Kahalani, and his fellow Labor breakaway MK Emanuel Zissman.

Kahalani told those present that as a soldier who has seen many wars, he wanted peace more than anyone, but not peace at any price. *Joe Charloff*

Woman likely winner of Gaza seat

With Palestinian council election results creeping toward an official conclusion, Rawya Shawa, an independent woman candidate, appears to have won a seat in Gaza City, which would make her the fifth woman to be elected to the 88-member council.


Shawa was in a see-saw battle with Said Mas'hal, a millionaire businessman who reportedly spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on his campaign. *Jon Immanuel*

Police broadcast tape of Amir confessing

THE media yesterday broadcast a police interrogation tape in which Yigal Amir is heard confessing that he murdered Yitzhak Rabin.

"I confess to the murder of Yitzhak Rabin. I am innocent of guilt of attempting to murder the bodyguard," Amir said on the portion broadcast on Channel 1.

The interrogator asked: "Did you at this stage know how you would commit Rabin's murder?" Amir: "No. I went and I knew if I had the opportunity to be close to him (here the interrogator interrupts and allows Amir to check he is accurately transcribing, then Amir resumes in mid-sentence) then I would shoot him." (Reuter)



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Morphine patch now available for cancer pain

JUDY SIEGEL

A SKIN patch containing a morphine derivative has been supplied here for the first time. The recipients are two cancer patients, and the patch will relieve their severe chronic pain and allow them to pursue their daily routine.

The Swedish drug, called Fentanyl, has been approved by the Health Ministry on an individual basis, under supervision by Shaare Zedek Hospital doctors. The ministry is expected to approve its general use for suitable cancer patients in about six months, according to Dr. Nathan Cherny, head of the Jerusalem hospital's unit for cancer pain and palliative medicine. He also expects that the health funds will be obliged to cover the cost for members prescribed with the patch, which is worn on the back, stomach or other hairless parts of

the body for three days at a time.

Cherny, who had experience using the patch in the US, was the first Israeli physician to receive ministry permission to use it here.

He said the patch is a boon for the 10 percent to 30 percent of cancer patients who cannot swallow morphine pills - either because of recurrent vomiting or for those having oral or esophageal cancer - and those with severe side effects from oral morphine or dissatisfaction with suppositories.

Another recently imported weapon in the hospital's arsenal against cancer pain is a transistor-radio-sized pump worn under clothing that injects a squirt of high-dosage morphine into the patient continuously or whenever he feels a severe burst of pain.

Ministry to discuss destruction of Ethiopian blood donations

JUDY SIEGEL

HEALTH Minister Ephraim Sneh said yesterday that Magen David Adom acted properly in destroying most blood donated by Ethiopian immigrants, because the incidence of AIDS carriers among them is 50 times that of the veteran Israeli population.

He added, however, that it was unfortunate MDA does not tell Jews from Ethiopia who come to donate blood that it is unlikely their blood will be used.

Sneh was reacting to an investigation by *Ma'ariv*, which reported that nearly all the blood MDA collects from Ethiopian Jewish immigrants is destroyed without informing donors.

Sneh will today convene the ministry's advisory committee on immuno-hematology and blood groups to discuss the matter of blood donations from Ethiopian immigrants and other high-risk groups.

Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban called on Sneh to appoint a committee to investigate the affair.



A lab worker checks blood samples in a Jerusalem hospital yesterday. A report in *Ma'ariv* revealed that to reduce the risk of using blood contaminated by the AIDS virus, most blood donated by Ethiopian immigrants was destroyed without informing them. (Brian Hendler)

Dr. Amnon Ben-David, director of MDA's blood services, said that if any immigrant from Ethiopia was offended by *Ma'ariv's* revelation that his donation was probably destroyed, "we apologize retroactively. However, most of the Ethiopian immigrants who give blood are soldiers who come with their buddies to donate. We thought that singling out an ethnic group and telling them to go home would be more offensive and embarrassing.

"All the immigrants who donate get blood insurance, even if their donation isn't used," Ben-David said. "International rules bar accepting the blood of any high-risk group, and this includes immigrants from African countries like Ethiopia, as well as homosexuals and drug addicts."

Since the early Eighties, 48 pints of donated blood have been found to have the HIV virus, four immigrants, Ben-David said.

The MDA blood official asserted that *Ma'ariv* "ambushed" MDA by sending a team "on the pretense of doing a positive story to promote blood donation. They brought a former Ethiopian immigrant and followed what we did with his blood.

"We fear the publication of the

story will only add to the stigma the general public, who will needlessly fear social contact with this group. The AIDS virus can be transmitted only through sexual or blood contact. Now that the story has broken, there is no reason for discretion, and we will tell Ethiopian immigrants their blood will probably not be used."

Ben-David added that blood

taken from anyone who identifies himself as not used for transfusions. Those who don't want to identify themselves as such may check a box on the questionnaire marked "Not for Transfusion." MDA calls them later to ask if this was a mistake or if there is a reason for them not to donate.

However, if an Ethiopian immigrant or other high-risk indi-

vidual is found to have a YFV (Yeast Virus) for six months, he is asked to return to donate, he is checked to see whether he is HIV free; if so, the frozen pint is destroyed and used for transfusions.

There is a period of several weeks to six months, during which people may have been infected with HIV but the antibodies do not show up in tests.

Forum rejects cutting NII benefits to rich

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee yesterday rejected the initiative of the Knesset's social caucus to cut benefits of top wage earners in order to increase those of the lowest economic sector.

Committee chairman Yossi Katz (Labor) stressed the importance of preserving non-discriminatory principles in the allocation of benefits. He asked for an urgent discussion with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and other MKs to prevent any possible misunderstanding of the committee's social stand.

"Payment to the National Insurance Institute is in essence made on a scale according to earnings but its payment of benefits is uniform. Anything that harms this universal principle could bring about the ruin of the NII," Katz said.

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir was not present at yesterday's meeting but forwarded a message saying: "I'm not willing to join in the primary campaign carnival of the social lobby."

"The government without beating an eyelid approved the transfer of NIS 2.2 billion to employers to cut their labor costs without having to mobilize external sources of funding and yet they want to use the NII benefits, of all places, as the source to cover the cost of the budget deficit. One can only oppose this populist trend which ultimately can only hurt the working public and pensioners," Katz said.

"The proposal would cut the branch that the NII sits on," said MK Tamar Gozansky (Hadash). "If you hit the social benefits of the rich, you are sure to hit the NII."

Haim Lichtenberg of the Pensioners Union said every effort should be made to preserve the status quo. "The average wage has increased by some 430% since 1988; the old-age pensions have increased by 186%." "This proposal will ultimately result in making the pensioners poorer."

New measures to fight wolf packs on Golan

DAVID RUDGE

CONSERVATIONISTS and farmers are joining forces to stop wolf packs on the Golan from causing extensive damage to livestock - without harming the wolves themselves.

New measures are being adopted to try to control the packs, which are thought responsible for recent attacks on sheep and cattle.

The problem for the farmers could be easily resolved by shooting the wolves, except that they are classified as an endangered species and protected by law.

According to some experts, the wolves on the Golan are a very rare species and face extinction unless stringent measures are taken to safeguard the Nature Reserve Authority

spokesperson Dina Weinstein said that very few attacks had occurred in those areas where farmers had cordoned off grazing land or cattle pens with electrified fences.

Additional methods, however, were also being adopted, she said, including traps to catch wolves and then fit them with electronic devices enabling their movements to be monitored.

Other steps involve the establishment of "food stations," where it is hoped the wolves will feed, instead of preying on sheep and cattle, especially the young.

"We have already set up several of these food stations as well as traps and some of the wolves have been fitted with electronic devices," said Weinstein.

Jerusalem, Bethlehem to build joint sewage plant

BILL HUTMAN

"SEWAGE knows no borders" is the motto of Palestinian and Israeli negotiators who are near agreement on a joint sewage treatment plant for Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Jerusalem city manager Ya'acov Efrati said yesterday that negotiations are being conducted by the Foreign and Environment ministries, and should be completed soon.

The German government has already agreed to fund the project at a cost of more than \$100

million, Efrati said.

The plant is to treat sewage run-off from the two cities to the east. To the west, Israel is already building a new sewage plant for Jerusalem, to which Bethlehem will also likely be linked.

Efrati noted that the east-west division in the sewage system had "nothing to do with politics," and everything to do with geography and geology.

"The mountainous terrain makes for a natural division where one part of the cities sewage runs off to the east, and the other to the west," he said.

Today, much sewage from eastern Bethlehem and Jerusalem - including both Arab and Jewish neighborhoods - pours untreated into the wadis of the Judean Desert.

Psychosomatic patient cost health system NIS 250,000

JUDY SIEGEL

A 45-YEAR-OLD member of Kupaat Holim Clalit made 113 visits to doctors and underwent complicated and often repeated diagnostic tests - costing the health fund a total of NIS 250,000 over two years - even though nothing was wrong with her.

The prohibitive cost of dealing with patients suffering from "somatization" - a psychiatric syndrome in which the patient complains of medical symptoms that don't really exist - is reported in the latest issue of *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association.

Dr. Andre Matalon, of Tel Aviv University's Sackler Medical School and district physician of Clalit's Petah Tikva region, writes that the case was an extreme one. However, imagined symptoms for which no physical cause has been found occur in 20 percent to 80 percent of all patients.

Matalon notes that in today's

era of lawsuits, many doctors send patients for expensive, but unnecessary tests merely as protection from being found guilty if sued.

Asked to comment, Clalit spokeswoman Rahel Bloustein said that the general practitioner usually serves as an intermediary between the patient and medical specialists. But in some cases, patients see specialists without informing them of the tests they have already undergone and doctors they have previously seen.

A computerized system now being introduced into Clalit will, however, make it possible to pick up exceptional cases like this, in which resources are wasted on patients without medical problems, she added.

Bloustein said a copy of the *Harefuah* article will be sent to Clalit director-general Avigdor Kaplan, who will consider how to deal with the problem.

Sarid protests plan to poison stray cats

LIAT COLLINS and DAVID RUDGE

THE planned mass poisoning of cats by the Ma'aleh Adumim Municipality is illegal, according to Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who sent a stern warning to Mayor Benny Kashriel.

Local animal-loving residents, alerted to the municipality's plans by a notice in a local newspaper, have spent the week campaigning to save the cats. Sarid and several animal welfare societies, including LVA Lechal and the Jerusalem SPCA, noted that the use of poison to control the feral cat problem is illegal under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Law.

The groups suggested instead that the cat population growth be checked by an organized neutering campaign.

The municipality said the action was needed to cope with the problem of a huge population of stray cats.

Meanwhile in the Golan, the Nature Reserves Authority (NRA) said rangers had discovered incidents of poisoning in the past week which had resulted in the death of four jackals, a sheepdog and a female wolf.

NRA rangers went to the scene and found the dead animals alongside the carcass of a calf which had apparently been deliberately covered in poison in order to kill any animals which tried to feed on it.

NRA spokesperson Dina Weinstein noted that the Druse residents of the Golan were allowed to graze their goats and cattle on part of the training zone.

She said there was a strong suspicion that they were responsible for the illegal poisoning, in an effort to keep the protected wild animals from attacking their livestock.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Turkish president due here
Turkish President Suleyman Demirel is due to pay an official visit to Israel next month as the guest of President Ezer Weizman. Demirel was to have come here last November but postponed his visit because of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. He was invited to Israel by Weizman during the president's state visit to Turkey in January, 1994. *Batsheva Tsuri*

Rothschild Miscellany facsimile stolen
A facsimile of the Rothschild Miscellany was stolen on Tuesday from the Italian Museum of Jewish Art in Jerusalem. Last year, another facsimile of the same manuscript was stolen in London.

One of the most lavishly executed Hebrew manuscripts of the late 15th century, the Rothschild Miscellany, comprising more than 70 works, encompasses all the religious and secular traditions of Jewish life.

The facsimile is valued at \$10,000. Museum staff have no idea how it was removed. "Someone just came in and took it," said a spokeswoman. *Greer Fay Cashman*

Jerusalem casino raided
Jerusalem police raided an illegal casino run at a shopping mall before dawn yesterday, arresting eight people and confiscating hundreds of thousands of shekels in cash and state-of-the-art gambling equipment.

Police believe a well-known city businessman is behind the casino, operated in the Yisrael Brothers Mall in the Talpiot industrial zone. The casino was run under the cover of an office on the second floor.

The casino's main attraction was a large automatic roulette machine, which is believed to have brought in NIS 1 million month for the owners. *Bill Hutman*

Maiden names bill moves forward
A married woman would be entitled to keep her maiden name and use it in addition to her husband's surname on all documents, according to a bill which passed its first reading in the Knesset this week.

The bill, submitted by 15 MKs from the Likud, Tsomet, Meretz, and Hadash, raised the wrath of the haredi parties. Knesset Law Committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz), presenting the bill, said: "A person's name is an integral part of his personality. It's his social ID. It's not just an identification code, but an expression of his personality." *Liav Collins*

Upper Nazareth targeted for growth
The government will help Upper Nazareth double its population in the coming years and become a city with 100,000 residents, Zvi Alderoti, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, promised Mayor Menahem Ariav when he visited the city on Tuesday.

Ariav said there was a severe shortage of housing in Upper Nazareth as a result of the mass influx of new immigrants to the city which had boosted the population by 80 percent to 44,000 residents. *David Rudge*

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Hechen rebels release hostages

The Jerusalem Post Thursday, January 25, 1996



Some good buys are still available on labels such as Gershon Bram (left) and Boss.

Get '96 winter bargains now

It's countdown time for the end of winter sales. With just under one week left till the end of the month, and the threat of more cold weather to come, anyone interested in buying winter clothing at reduced prices should do so now.

Bargains are of course relative to one's income. It's all very well to know that prices have been slashed by up to 70%, but that's of scant comfort to an average wage earner, if the end of season price tag on a suit is still well in excess of NIS 1,000.

Nonetheless, there are some very good bargains both on imported merchandise and on garments bearing local labels such as Gideon Oberson, Castro, Honigman, Gershon Bram, Cafe, Optimum, Mango, Dorit Sadeh, Dorin Frankfort and Bijou. The

FLAIR GREER FAY CASHMAN

latter is one of several brands which guarantee trendy clothes for large sized women.

Both Gershon Bram and Dorin Frankfort have added men's lines to their collections, though nothing as classic as a Boss or a Bagar suit. Their creations are much more casual and far less constricting.

Money is the only major consideration during end of season shopping. Even more important than the cost of a garment, is whether it will still be fashionable at this time next year.

Classics are always a safe bet. So are neutral colors. Beware of collars and lapels which are very

wide, because they will quickly become dated. Likewise, be careful of pants widths. Straight-legged trousers, especially with regard to durables such as jeans, will never go out of style.

The mini dress looks as if it's here to stay, but just in case it's not, wear pants when you go shopping, and that way you can check that your prospective purchase can also double as a tunic.

If you intend to buy several outfits, and money poses a problem, Hamashbir, is a better proposition than a regular clothing store, which usually places a three installments limit on payments. At Hamashbir, depending on the amount of your purchase, you can pay of your monthly installments over an 18 month period.

BAZAAR/FEATURES

When a sale is not a sale

CAVEAT EMPTORI!

RUTHIE BLUM

COLA drinkers who frequent the Supersol chain may have recently noticed a special sale on Pepsi. "1 1/2 liters plus 1/2 liter free!"

In other words: buy the two-liter bottle and pay the price of its liter-and-a-half counterpart.

On December 5, B.B. entered the Carmel branch of Supersol in Haifa (located at 124 Sderot Hanassi). Catching sight of the brightly colored Pepsi labels boasting a bargain, he happily put a bottle in his shopping cart. When he arrived home, he studied the itemized bill, and discovered that he had been charged the full price (NIS 5.50) for the large bottle of Pepsi.

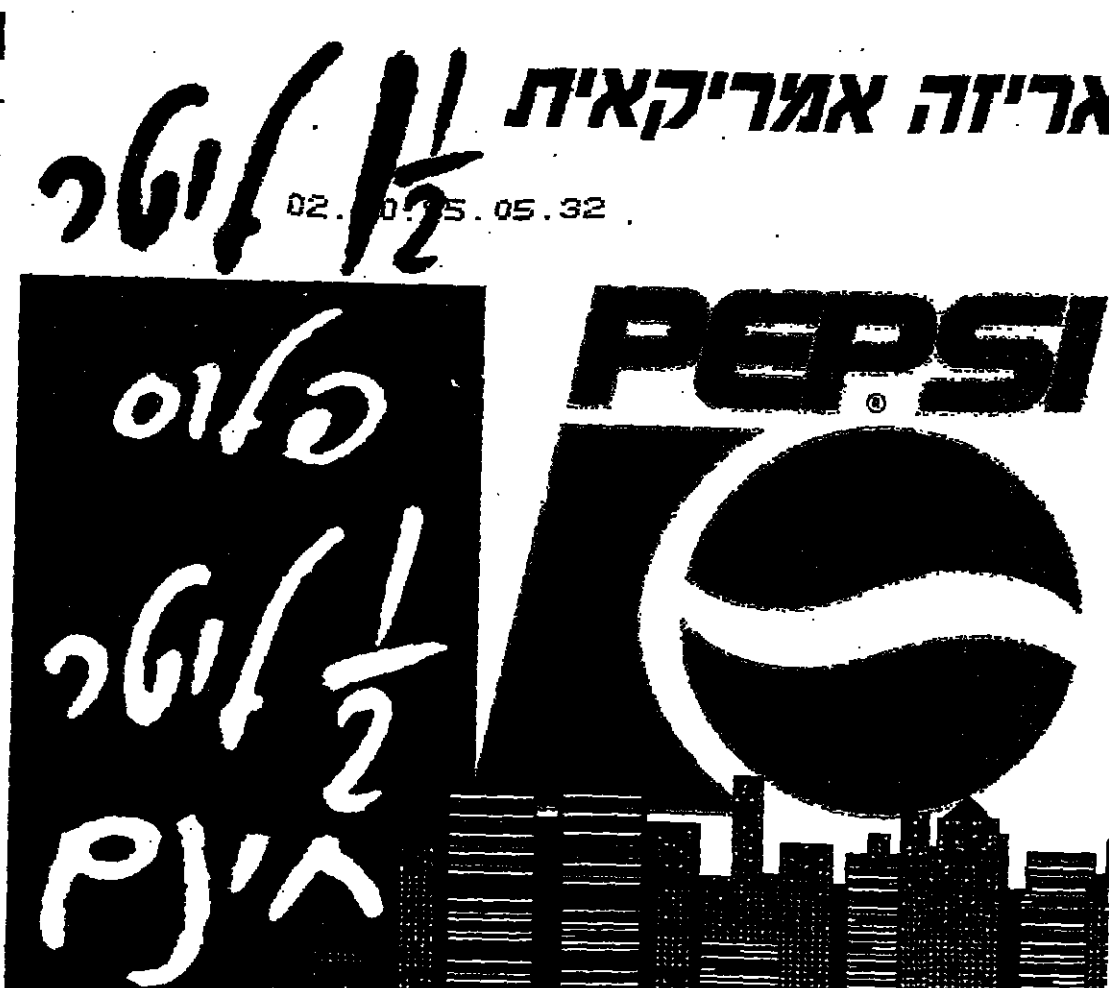
"Sorry..." replied the branch manager with a shrug. "That sale was only good for the month of November." B.B. patiently pointed out that the label makes no mention of a final date of sale. "That's not my concern," snapped the manager. "I didn't write the labels. Tempo [the Israeli Pepsi franchise] is responsible."

So B.B. wrote a letter of complaint to Tempo that was acknowledged by marketing director Doron Frankenstein. No reply was forthcoming, however. It is thus that B.B. turned to me for assistance.

Frankenstein apologized for not having gotten back to B.B. sooner, and assured me that compensation was in order. He explained the mishap as follows: "When we made the arrangement with the Supersol chain to sell the larger bottles of Pepsi at the price of the smaller bottles, an assumption was made that all of the discount bottles would be sold by the end of November. Leftover merchandise should have been returned to us, or sold at the discount price."

The Supersol Carmel branch manager was as curt with me as he had been with B.B. "Prices are fixed at the chain's main office. I have no say in the matter. Talk to them."

Deputy director of trade at Supersol, Motti Sela, said the price of the large Pepsi bottles had



been hiked back up automatically on the last day of November. "Once we were alerted to the fact that discount bottles remained on our shelves," he continued, "we lowered the price back to NIS 2.99."

According to Sela, this "code reprogramming" was executed on January 10, and will remain in effect until February 29. Sela, too, was apologetic about what happened to B.B. He urges customers who had a similar experience to return to their supermarkets for reimbursement.

"This is all well and good," I replied. "But what about the shoulder-shrugging branch manager in Haifa? How could he have responded to a customer in such a fashion? Even if pricing is not up to him, surely he knows how to read. Shouldn't he have covered for the error, and reimbursed B.B. - out of his own

pocket, if necessary?" "You're absolutely right!" said Sela. "There is no excuse for such behavior." Over a week later B.B. received a call from his branch manager. "You the guy who complained?" he asked in an accusatory tone. "Come to the supermarket and pick up a small gift," he muttered, apparently peeved at having been reprimanded by his superiors.

Considering the effort B.B. invested to correct an injustice to consumers all over the country, Tempo and Supersol could have given him a bit more of their attention. Perhaps representatives of such large outfits cannot take time out of their busy schedules to dial a few digits to appease a dissatisfied client in pursuit of a couple of shekels.

They would do well to learn a lesson in customer relations from the manager of Mahsanet Mazon

Jerusalem in the Talpiot section of Jerusalem. When my groceries were delivered last week, all of the frozen foods and milk products were missing. Supermarket manager Moshe Zvulun not only apologized, but he personally took down a list of the items, and reloaded a cart (claiming he wouldn't want me to have to wait for the delivery men to locate merchandise which might have spoiled in the meantime). He then sent it to my home with a peace offering in the form of an expensive box of pralines. (Mr. Zvulun, it must be stated for the record, was unaware at the time of my consumer column.)

You are invited to ask questions or offer personal stories about goods and services in this country. Write to: Ruthie Blum, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

Body cells. A key to understanding human identity

BILLIONS of years of living history are locked up in every cell of your body.

Recently, a team of US scientists announced that it has developed a technique that will enable genetic archeologists to lay bare details of this history to reveal the basis of human identity.

Digging out fossils with a hammer and chisel is one way to show who we are as a species and how we came to be.

Now it seems that a new tool, one with the ungainly name of "denaturing high-performance liquid chromatography," may say more about our origins by helping geneticists to search for tiny changes in the genetic blueprint held in every cell.

That DNA blueprint has been passed down from generation to generation, beginning with our most distant ancestors, the primitive bacteria that lived four billion years before *Homo sapiens* first walked on the planet.

For decades, Prof. Luca Cavalli-Sforza has been obsessed by this history.

His mission: to convince skeptical social scientists that by mapping the diversity of DNA in present-day humans he can create a genetic atlas of humanity.

This, he says, will not only "illuminate our understanding of human history and identity," but also will depict patterns of adaptation to different environments and patterns of susceptibility to disease.

His team at Stanford University analyzes historical baggage - genetics and languages - that people carry with them and deduces their relationships. As populations separate, genes and words evolve along different courses: the longer the separation, the greater the differences.

By examining the differences between groups of modern people, it is possible to get an idea of the routes by which the Earth was colonized by early humans, and the ways in which those primitive colonists were conquered or replaced by invaders. But profound problems face those who want to lay bare our origins.

Cultural extinction is one. Just as the techniques for surveying the diversity of DNA are becoming available, the potential subject matter is disappearing. The only form of survival for some people, such as the 10,000 remaining Yanomani of the Amazon rain forest, may be as a cell line grown in a laboratory.

Sex poses more practical difficulties. Our blueprint is a mixture of the bundles of genetic material - chromosomes - inherited from each parent. Each chromosome is a mosaic of maternal and paternal genes, scrambling the genetic history. Fortunately, Y-chromosomes are a different matter. They are

inherited only by men and are not (quite) so "mixed up" by sex. The problem is that the Y-chromosome is small, boring and featureless. It looks pretty much the same whether it comes from an Australian aborigine or an Englishman. There were few known significant differences between Y-chromosomes until Cavalli-Sforza's colleagues, Drs. Peter Underhill and Peter Oefner, used the new technique, which exploits the way DNA consists of two complementary strands that bind tightly into a double helix.

First the DNA from two Y-chromosomes is mixed, the strands separated by heating, and then recombined by cooling. The strands mesh together perfectly at every point except where there is a difference, even one as slight as a single genetic "letter."

This mismatch can be spotted with a technique called chromatography. In this way, the team found 10 rare mutations, the first of which they describe in this month's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Studies of 173 DNA samples showed that the DNA change was present in Navajo, Mayan and Colombian Indians, and among North American Eskimos, but not among people from Asia, Africa, Europe or Oceania.

The rare mutation occurred some

30,000 years ago. Tracking its incidence can "shed significant light on the colonization of the New World," Underhill said. "Our work highlights the unique utility of the Y-chromosome - there are clear echoes of the past preserved in there."

Mutations in the Y-chromosome are so rare that the genetic change probably happened in one male, was passed on to his sons, then to later generations. "In only one chromosome in all the world there was this harmless change, and all Native Americans may be able to trace their heritage back to that one mutational event," he said.

A population geneticist at the University of California, Dr. Francisco Ayala, commented: "The most widely held belief is that the Americas were first colonized by humans 30,000 to 35,000 years ago, probably by Asians who traveled across a land bridge spanning what is now the Bering Strait. The new findings add another piece to the puzzle of the peopling of the New World."

A previous hypothesis of three colonizations is based primarily on data from the archeological record and linguistic studies, which identified three different language patterns: Amerind, represented by South American Indians; Na-Dene, represented by groups such as the Navajos; and

Aleutian (Eskimo). Underhill said samples from all three groups have the genetic mutation. This suggests that the mutation may have occurred before the language differentiation, either among people in Asia before the migration to the New World, or in the Americas very soon after migration started. More tests must be done among peoples in northeast Asia - such as eastern Siberia - to find the origin of the DNA change.

The sensitivity of genetic analysis was illustrated in one Mayan man. Native in appearance, he was shown to carry a Y-chromosome whose mutations traced to Africa. Underhill said the slave trade was most likely responsible for the genetic signature.

"At some point, a slave was brought to the New World who mated with a Mayan woman and produced a son," Underhill concluded. This son probably married and reproduced with a Mayan woman. Over time, all the other genes diluted out, and the African signature was lost as a result of genetic scrambling. However, the African Y-chromosome survived intact as long as each generation had a son.

Such work makes some scientists uneasy. They claim that it is based on an outmoded notion of race, an example

of "21st-century technology applied to 19th-century biology." Others are worried that these markers could be used as a tool of discrimination.

Most people are indeed inclined to down-play regional diversity because experience has shown that peaceful co-existence between peoples thrives if similarities are emphasized. Politically, this emphasis may be proper, but the Stanford team believes it should not prevent biologists from using the nature and extent of modern human diversity as a means of investigating human evolutionary history. Such work may even help to combat racism by proving that important traits vary less between groups than within them.

And, as ever, it is important not to place undue emphasis on genes. Other work has shown a correlation between people who vote socialist in France and the frequency of the O and Rhesus-negative blood groups. The vote is strongest in those regions where Paleolithic genes are most prevalent, in the southwest, while the a rightist tendency is strongest in the Neolithic - "modern" - heartlands, the north and east.

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In memory

DAN LEON

AS the days, weeks and months pass since that unforgettable November 4, the date of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, it becomes very important to answer this question: How best to perpetuate the name of the leader who crossed the great historical watershed, recognizing the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and launching negotiations with Yasser Arafat so as to put an end to the long conflict between the two peoples?

Rabin was not perfect, and neither his achievements nor his personality need be idealized. People like this writer, who criticized Rabin on occasion, should be honest enough to recognize his courageous role as peacemaker, and the special place he has earned in our history.

However, what is undoubtedly a spontaneous desire by individuals and institutions to commemorate Rabin is already leading to situations which should urge us to pause and take stock, and consider where we ought to go from here.

Is a Rabin cigarette lighter a fitting way to remember our slain prime minister?

A journalist wrote recently that someone "coming out of a branch of his bank, named after Rabin, will cross Rabin Boulevard, stroll through the Rabin Gardens, then visit the Rabin Health Clinic, located near the Rabin School. And soon, one will be asking the taxi driver to stop at Rabin Street, corner Rabin" (Yoel Marcus in *Ha'aretz*, November 29).

As for the recent ceremony inaugurating the Yitzhak Rabin Trauma Center at Ichilov hospital, another writer doubted the good taste of holding, of all things, a musical cocktail party (with King Hussein) inside the Trauma Center, and of signing there a dedication scroll with the pen that was used for signing the Israel-Jordan peace treaty.

A JNF park and a border terminal are slated to bear Rabin's name, and institutions already named for other public figures are even being renamed, causing needless confusion and embarrassment.

Elsewhere, Rabin's memory is being increasingly commercialized through memorial books, albums, songs, cassettes, and even cigarette lighters, as well as the usual stamps and coins. And this may be only a partial list.

THERE IS no precedent to be followed here, for no Israeli prime minister has ever been murdered before. Venerable institutions like Yad Weizmann and Yad Ben-Zvi have certainly made their mark in educating the public.

And one need not accept the Tel Aviv Municipality regulation that allows a commemoration project to be launched only two years after the death of the individual concerned.

It is welcome news that a law is now being formulated to determine how best to perpetuate Rabin's name.

What we need is a public institution whose task would be to foster Rabin's achievements and legacy.

Leah Rabin, who has come under considerable criticism in connection with her request for a government allocation to enable her to respond to the mass outpouring of sympathy following her husband's assassination, would be able to play a dignified and special role within such a framework.

A non-profit body of this kind, functioning both at home and abroad, could be attached to one of our universities, and would be guided by a representative board of governors. It would surely receive all the financial support it needs from private and public sources, and the scope of its educational work would be unlimited.

In the long run, future generations will surely judge Rabin not by the quantity of projects existing in his name but by their quality, by the overall success in using all possible means to project his historical importance.

Now is the time to avert the danger that, all good intentions notwithstanding, an inflation of random memorial projects could cause Rabin's name to be cheapened rather than suitably honored.

The writer is co-managing editor of The Palestine-Israel Journal.

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OLEG GOG

Cornered and dangerous

Laurie Mylroie

SINCE the defection of Hussein Kamil, Saddam Hussein's son-in-law and mastermind of Iraq's covert weapons programs, Baghdad has released a flood of information suggesting a stunning conclusion: Iraq may still be a serious threat. After five years of sanctions and four years of the most intrusive international weapons monitoring regime ever devised, not to mention the war itself, it seems that Saddam is holding onto his most deadly unconventional agents and the missiles to deliver them.

But Washington yawns and ignores the obvious dangers. Saddam's obstreperousness is known and sanctions will remain. It has always been assumed that Saddam's residual unconventional capabilities are for jump-starting his banned programs after sanctions are lifted.

It is time to revisit the debate during the Gulf War, the warnings that the war could not eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction without eliminating Saddam. In such cases, where devastation is inevitable, the burden of proof lies not with the pessimists who are afraid that Saddam possesses weapons of mass destruction and other unconventional agents and will use them, but with the optimists, who believe that even if Saddam possesses such weapons, he would not dare use them.

The optimists, then, are obliged to show clearly, without a doubt, that Saddam will not use his deadly agents. If they cannot, action is imperative - issuing warnings, taking precautions and ousting Saddam, as soon as possible.

Saddam seems to be holding onto his entire stock of biological agents and his most lethal chemical agent, VX, which is deadlier than Sarin. Iraq has acknowledged having produced the agents or obtained the precursors, but claims to have destroyed them. If that has happened, it would violate UN Resolution 687, which specifically assigns that task to the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM).

As UNSCOM Chief Rolf Ekeus told the Security Council, "gaps" remain in Baghdad's accounting of its VX, while the situation regarding biological agents is even more disturbing. Baghdad has turned over nothing. It acknowledges having produced and weaponized large quantities of anthrax and botulinum. The botulinum, difficult to store, perhaps perished; but where is the anthrax?

Baghdad claims to have destroyed the anthrax after the Gulf war. But Iraq has not produced

one credible document to support this claim. Most recently, Baghdad gave UNSCOM a lieutenant's journal, recording the destruction of RU-400 bombs. But, as Ekeus remarked, it is not clear biological agents were involved and the document does not address the key question of warheads.

It is important to recall that Baghdad acknowledges having had biological warheads, placed on missiles, dispatched to airfields, ready to fire at Israel and Saudi Arabia during the Gulf war. Moreover, a lieutenant's diary is not the expected documentation. There should be written orders to destroy agents and reports on the implementation of those orders. Ekeus said UNSCOM's inability to account for Iraq's VX and biological agents "creates obvious concern when you marry that together [with the fact] that we no longer have a full accounting of Iraq's missiles."

If the optimists cannot prove that Saddam won't use his weapons of mass destruction, he must be ousted as soon as possible

There are even questions about Iraq's nuclear capabilities, for which the International Atomic Energy Agency is responsible. As Paul Leventhal, president of the Nuclear Control Institute, explained in the *International Herald Tribune*, Iraqi records show that Baghdad worked on and tested nuclear weapons components, but none have been found, let alone destroyed. The latest Iraqi document suggests that Baghdad was working on its nuclear programs as late as mid-1991, while Baghdad recently revealed the existence - after the Gulf War - of a covert procurement network for missile parts. If Iraq managed to smuggle missile parts, it could have obtained any weapons building component.

As Leventhal concluded, "Given the Iraqis' extensive contacts with their original Russian and French benefactors and the growing evidence of an emerging black market in nuclear materials, the Iraqi nuclear threat could spring to life at any time."

ALL THESE factors to the con-

trary, Iraq claims to have complied with Resolution 687, and demands that sanctions be lifted. How does Saddam intend to square that circle?

Since January 1994, Baghdad has begun to warn that although it is patient, sanctions must eventually be lifted. Iraq's threats have been strategically timed, and addressed to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the US. Some of these threats seemed to suggest the intent to use unconventional agents.

Indeed, three senior Iraqi defectors have warned of just that. A high-ranking political adviser told *The Manchester Guardian*, and former chief of Iraqi military intelligence Wafiq Samarra'i told me, that Saddam will use his missiles and unconventional warheads when he feels he is going down. Furthermore, Hussein Kamil recently warned about terrorism and unconventional agents.

Yet the Clinton administration refuses to seriously consider this problem. It dismisses the notion with the assertion that "We would make them." But suppose Saddam does not care?

As Samarra'i advised, "America can reply with a nuclear strike, but the disaster will already have happened." Or perhaps Saddam has terrorism in mind, using agents of mass destruction for which it will be difficult to find definitive proof of Iraqi responsibility.

Others are beginning to understand. A recent Gulf Cooperation Council summit expressed "deep regret over the fact that the Iraqi government has continued to produce bacteriological weapons that are capable of spreading epidemics which could inflict grave harm on Iraq itself and the entire region, not to mention its production of chemical and radioactive weapons."

The GCC wants those weapons destroyed. But it does not yet seem to understand that Saddam may intend to hold onto what he has because he wants to keep his options open. Some senior Israeli officials now recognize the problem with Iraq's continued access to weapons of mass destruction. They explain that while Iraq remains the long-term strategic threat, Iraq is the immediate threat.

Saddam is cornered - and cornered, dangerous. These are precisely the circumstances in which ordinary measures of deterrence may fail. We had better pay attention.

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Past due judicial reform

THE judicial reform bill now being prepared in the Knesset Law Committee addresses one of the most troubling aspects of life in Israel: the ease with which the police can detain suspects, and the difficulty in obtaining release on bail. If it becomes law it will be a most encouraging development in Israeli law, and a harbinger of a vast improvement in the country's quality of life.

The reason for Israeli backwardness in this area is as clear as it is reasonable. The country has been in a state of war of one kind or another since its founding. Having inherited from the British laws designed to combat seditious activity, it wisely kept many of them as a means to combat Arab insurgency. In practice, however, laws considered unacceptable in Britain and the US have been applied to Israeli citizens.

Only recently did the Knesset pass, in lieu of a constitution, some basic laws which afford civil protections that are considered elementary in other enlightened countries. One of these, the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom, provides the inspiration for the current reform bill. Since nothing insults the concept of liberty more than arbitrary, unjustified detention, the most pertinent application of this basic law is legislation that would set limits to arrest. The bill carefully defines the manner in which individuals can lose their liberty and the conditions under which suspects can be incarcerated.

The police will undoubtedly complain that the reforms will make their work more difficult. They will not be able to detain anyone for interrogation for more than 24 hours without a court order. Nor will a charge, no matter how grave, provide sufficient reason for continued remand unless the court determines that the suspect poses a danger to others, or that he or she may suborn witnesses.

As Law Committee chairman MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) has pointed out, no one is guiltier than judges in facilitating unnecessary detention. The case of 76-year-old Miriam Weissman, denied bail and kept in jail for a year on a charge of strangling her daughter, is typical of the scandalous arbitrariness of current court practices. The courts will also have to ensure that once the reforms become law, every suspect will be afforded the services of a public defender.

Just as important is the proposed codifying of physical conditions in police lockups, most of which are medieval. Since 40 percent of all

arrests end with no charges pressed, thousands of innocent detainees must suffer unspeakable indignities for no reason at all.

It must be hoped that the reforms will also include the abolition of the government's right to administratively detain Israeli citizens. Administrative detention has been one of the more useful emergency regulations from the days of the British Mandate. It has proved an efficient instrument in taking suspected terrorists and participants in intifada-type violence out of action. But it is a blatantly illegal device when used by the government against its own citizens.

To detain Israeli citizens with no criminal record, as has been done in the cases of Shmuel Cytryn of Kiryat Arba and Arye Friedman of Jerusalem, and to keep them in prison for months without charges or even an intimation of what they may be guilty of, is a violation of their human rights and fundamental freedoms. That the High Court of Justice has confirmed the government's right to detain Cytryn only points to the danger in applying the emergency regulations to Israeli citizens. In effect, it allows the government to arrest anyone it disapproves of for up to a year.

Not surprisingly, American Jews have protested to Israeli officials in the US against these detentions. In the US, such practices are deemed typical of dictatorships, not democracies. In suggesting how to respond to such complaints, the Foreign Ministry cites American court decisions sanctioning legal action against speech where "advocacy is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action." This is, of course, true - no country allows totally unbridled freedom of speech - but it is not the point. In the US the government has to prove that dangerous incitement has occurred. Under the administrative detention regulations the government of Israel is not obligated to prove anything.

Zucker and his colleagues on the Law Committee should be supported and congratulated for their efforts to liberalize Israeli laws. But they must understand that the reforms are not a panacea. The country's security problems must be addressed, and care must be taken not to swing the justice pendulum too far, so that it would favor criminals and abuse victims of crime. But to deprive citizens whose conduct and utterances are obnoxious of their right to an open trial is to establish precisely the kind of legal double standard the new reforms aim to abolish.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ECONOMIC PARADISE OF FOOLS

Sir, - I am beginning to believe that we in Israel are likely to be living in an economic "paradise of fools." Two items in *The Jerusalem Post* of January 16 lead me to this conclusion.

The decision of the Histadrut forcing the banks to close on Fridays is going to cause many problems and completely ignores the advice of organizations which are more in touch with economic reality than the Histadrut. While I have every sympathy for the needs of bank staff to work a five-day week, closing on Friday means that importers, exporters, currency traders, etc., are cut off from the international banking system from Thursday evening until Monday morning. As a one-time import/export merchant, I can see that a regular three-day weekend will cause delays and hold-ups with the processing and negotiating of documents, bills of lading and bills of

exchange. If bank staff are to have a five-day week, Sunday would be more acceptable from the traders' point of view and be in line with organizational advice.

The announcement that inflation had fallen to 8.1 percent in 1995 and the comment by the finance minister, "this was due to a combination of factors, including increased imports," is very puzzling. Normally one would expect inflation to either be unaffected by an increase of imports or to actually rise; one would not expect inflation to fall. The fact that inflation has fallen suggests that imports are being retailed at prices significantly lower than goods locally produced or manufactured. If this is true, Israeli business people had better look to their laurels, or they will be completely outpriced in the local market.

Rehovot. ELLIS WYNICK

FRIENDLY COEXISTENCE

Sir, - In reply to Adam Keller (Letters, January 14), I would like to point out that the elections are for a Representative Council of the Palestinian Authority and not for representatives of a sovereign parliament, as claimed by Mr. Keller. Also his bald assertion that a Palestinian state is an "unavoidable reality" is merely an expression of opinion and not of fact.

I am sure that we would all like to live next to genuine democracies

and not next to despotic dictatorships as at present. In view of Arafat's non-compliance with almost every signed commitment and the hysterical reaction of hundreds of thousands of fanatical, hate-filled Arab demonstrators screaming revenge and promising attacks on Israelis following the execution of the terrorist murderer Ayyash, the odds against peaceful and friendly coexistence do seem very long indeed.

Netanya. BILL OAKFIELD

UNIFICATION OF THE RIGHT

Sir, - In the dangerous political situation in which the State of Israel finds itself today, the people of Israel will be going to faithful elections which will be as unpredictable as any since the creation of the state.

There is a reasonable possibility that, as a result of these elections, there will be no right-wing representation in the coming Knesset. Without denigrating the parties of the National Camp, to wit, Likud, Tsomet and the NRP, they are centrist parties and they cannot solve the problems of the Jewish people by themselves, even if they form the next government.

For many reasons, the State of Israel needs suitable representation in the Knesset of the "Vision of the

Generations," of "The Whole Land of Israel," etc. This list cannot include all such movements. Therefore, there must be a large rightist block in the coming Knesset. Even one vote from the voters of the right should not be lost and all right-wing groups must run as one list.

The list must be formed by advance agreement and after the elections, those elected should return to their own parties.

If organized properly, the voters of the right can elect 10-15 members of Knesset.

To achieve the above goals we have set up the Committee for the Unification of the Right.

Ramat Hashavim. E. YOGEV

JONATHAN POLLARD

Sir, - In a January 12 interview in *Ma'ariv*, Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich maintains that the failure of the Israeli government to secure the release of Jonathan Pollard is the fault of the American Jewish community. Mr. Rabinovich states that in raising the subject with President Clinton, Prime Minister Peres and the late prime minister Rabin have done all that they could, and the fault lies with the American Jewish Community, for not speaking out in a "loud and unified voice."

Aside from the fact that Mr. Rabinovich's assertion is utterly untrue, perhaps it is time to remind the government of Israel, whom Mr. Rabinovich represents, that Jonathan Pollard was a bona-fide agent of the government of Israel and not of the American Jewish community. Moreover, Jonathan Pollard is an Israeli citizen. It is the full and unequivocal responsibility of the Israeli government to seek and secure the release of its agent and citizen.

In spite of the continued indifference of the American Administration, a wealth of documentation is on file that testifies to the unequivocal support that the American Jewish community as a whole now leads to the request to free Jonathan Pollard at once and send him to Israel, Toronto. ESTHER POLLARD

VANDALISM

Sir, - This morning, as I got into my car, I noticed that for the second time in as many months, someone had seen fit to remove bumper stickers from my car and scatter them remains carelessly on the pavement. I am not referring to my sticker from Shagrir Motor Club or the sticker advertising the garage that services my car. Those are still, not surprisingly, intact. It seems that in our Jewish state, there is a problem airing one's political views in public. The stickers that were removed must have terribly offended some of my fellow Israelis. Otherwise why would someone enter my private property (my car was parked under my building in the spot reserved for me and that is included in my monthly rent, let's not even mention that the car itself is not quite public property) and vandalize it?

Does it prove anything to remove stickers advocating that the Golan remains a part of Israel permanently? Am I not entitled to state which political elements I identify with? Ra'anana. ADINA APPEL

POSTSCRIPTS

A GARBAGEMAN is wealthy today because he nosed around in his business.

Craig Randall, 23, a garbage truck driver from East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, saw an old Wendy's restaurant contest cup on a heap of garbage in the back of his truck. Remembering that he'd won a free chicken sandwich the previous week, he pulled off the contest sticker and read, "Congratulations. You have won \$200,000 toward a new home."

TEXANS WHO have the necessary permit can carry a concealed weapon - except at gun shows.

Gun show promoters Todd Bean of Houston and Bob Norman of Fort Worth said they would ban concealed guns at their events even with the new law, because walking around with a hidden weapon at a gun show is too dangerous.

Bean said allowing concealed weapons where thousands of

guns are on display and for sale would create "a dangerous situation."

Promoters fear a pistol-packing customer could decide to show off a loaded weapon to other gun enthusiasts, with possible dire results.

A HEAVY-METAL fan received a \$30,000 message from a judge: TURN DOWN YOUR STEREO!

Joseph Vallone, 25, was ordered to pay that amount to his neighbors for tormenting them with his loud stereo at all hours.

Michael and Concetta Stiglianes of New York City had sued after enduring three years of Vallone's music.

Vallone would taunt them by turning up the volume.

"Joseph Vallone's conduct was egregious, malicious, wanton and reckless," Judge Lucinda Suarez said.

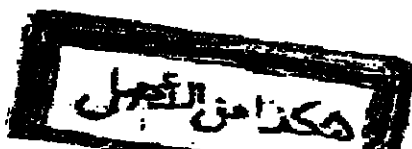
Vallone is still living - quietly, now - next to the Stiglianeses.

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy driving a stolen car eluded police in a chase of up to 110 kph, but lost his cool when he spotted his grandmother driving toward him.

He ducked down so she wouldn't see him, hit the gas and lost control. He struck one car, then crossed the center line and struck another car - his grandmother's.

"He saw Grandma, and he didn't want Grandma to see him," Trooper Steve Sulligan of Greenville, South Carolina, said.

After the accident, the youth got out of the car and ran to his grandmother's house, where police finally caught up with him.



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Athens Greece's Point of Origin

By Ann Owens Gilliland

Copley News Service

ATHENS, Greece—The sun was fighting the curtain of smog hanging over Athens. Below, a beehive of traffic smoked and slugged it out in metallic battle, but atop the Acropolis—never mind the dirty clouds and the horde of people—were sights to behold. The Parthenon, with its massive columns, loomed up behind us. It's hard to imagine that this architectural wonder has survived more than 2,400 years despite wars and a 17th century fire that destroyed the roof, much of the interior and more than a dozen columns.

Also on the Acropolis is the Temple of Athena Nike, still impressive though the statue Athena is headless. In addition, there's the Temple of Brechtelion, embellished with voluptuous stone maidens, and on the day of my visit, crowded by dozens of Greek youngsters on school break.

Walk to the south edge and look out. The city sprawls under mostly red-tile roofs. On a clear day, they say, it's possible to see all the way to the seaside port of Piraeus, the ferry port to the Greek islands. Directly below are two ancient Greek theaters—the odeons of Herodes Atticus and Pericles.

On the opposite side is a smaller hill where St. Paul delivered a sermon that caused Dionysius to convert and later became the first bishop of Athens.

In the valley below are the scant remains of the agora, or marketplace, the city center of ancient Greece. Nearby is the well-preserved Temple of Hephaestus. Built in 474 B.C. and dedicated to the Greek god of fire, the temple looks a lot like the Parthenon. Virtually alone in the meadow and juxtaposed with the city behind it, the temple makes a dramatic photo. It's hard not to gape.

Of course, the Acropolis is the highlight of any tour of Athens, but don't even consider trying to drive through Athens' mean streets and tangle of traffic to see its sites. More than three million



Photo by Ann Owens Gilliland

The Parthenon, located atop the Acropolis, offers a dramatic view of Athens.

Greeks—almost a third of the total Greek population—live in Athens. They are for the most part friendly, loud and energetic talkers. Few speak English, however, and traffic is nightmarish.

City tours typically include a drive by the modern Olympic stadium, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Byzantine Museum, with a stop at the House of Parliament, formerly the Royal Palace,

and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, still guarded by the colorful evzones. This honor guard is comprised of tallish young Greek clones who don't seem to be embarrassed about wearing white tights, short white skirts and wooden shoes with pom-poms on the toe. It's a pure photo opportunity.

From the tranquil palace grounds, the bus winds through the hub-

of Constitution Square, and enters Plaka, an upscale area of shops and homes, part of which recently was turned into a pedestrian-only area. Last stop is the marbled plaza of the Orthodox Cathedral and the 12th century chapel beside it.

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Ancient Civilization Lies Under Volcanic Ash



Photo by Jack Biesterfeld

The white-washed houses of Santorini are perched high on the cliffs of the Greek island.

By Jack Biesterfeld

Copley News Service

The mountains rumbled and the fields shook. Buildings swayed and birds shrieked. Cattle bolted and people screamed.

Then the volcano blasted away one of the world's greatest civilizations.

Some say it was the fabled Atlantis. Others think it was a great Minoan colony. But whatever it was, it ceased to exist in 1500 B.C. when a mighty explosion—some say the biggest explosion in recorded history—blew the island into oblivion.

What remains today is called Santorini, one of the most popular Greek islands in the Aegean Sea. Its quaint white-washed towns, ancient ruins and spectacular volcanic caldera attract tourists from around the world.

While shoppers and browsers head for the cliff-top town of Thira and sunbathers strike out for the black sand beaches at Kamari, history buffs head for Akrotiri, the Pompeii of Greece.

For thousands of years, an entire city has lain under a thick layer of volcanic ash, protected from the elements. Then, almost 30 years ago, archaeologists discovered what was the tip of the iceberg. Slowly, year after year, they have uncovered more and more of this ghost town. There's much more left to be discovered, and excavations are expected to go on for many decades before the entire town is uncovered.

Paved streets snake through a maze of multi-story buildings. Houses, stores and mills look out on public

squares. Beautiful frescoes decorate temples hidden inside many of the buildings.

Much of the site has been opened to the public, so they can see how people lived, worked and played in the year 1500 B.C.

Akrotiri was a wealthy port city on the southern side of Santorini, then called Thira. (The island has officially reverted back to the name of Thira, but everyone still calls it Santorini.)

There was a thriving trade with the great Minoan cities on Crete 70 miles to the north, and to other islands in the vicinity. Many experts think Santorini was merely a colony of the Minoan empire, while others think it was an independent, powerful state—some say the fabled Atlantis of which Plato wrote in great detail.

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Archaeologists have found many hints that this island was the fabled lost continent. It was ruled by priest-kings, and had an advanced culture. Farming methods, crops, pottery styles and artistic endeavors are all similar to the Atlantis described by Plato. And they were both destroyed by a humongous natural disaster.

The people of Akrotiri must have known something was amiss because of the rumblings and minor earthquakes that became frequent and increasingly severe.

The rulers must have ordered the city evacuated. When archaeologists uncovered the city, they found

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Left: An aerial view exposes the site of the Joust of the Saracens.

Below: An armed knight prepares for the joust with intense concentration.



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Amid the Tumbling Terrains of Italy's Countryside

By Ellen B. Klugman

In the shadows of those cities known as the giants of Italian history and culture, lies the occasional gem which the untutored traveler often mistakes for mere glass.

Arezzo is an ancient Etruscan hilltop town which reigns over the tumbling terrain of eastern Tuscany, en route between Florence and Rome. Located about 55 miles from Florence and 150 miles from Rome, Arezzo poses an easy train or car trip from either city. Don't let the towns lack of fame on the Italian tour

circuit fool you. Where else but in Arezzo can you browse through one of Italy's largest and best known monthly Antiques Fairs in the morning and relive the frenzied pageantry and abandon of a 14th century joust in the afternoon?

Time your visit to include the last Sunday in August or the first Sunday in September, when Areatine cousins, brothers and neighbors square off by town quarter to compete in the centuries-old Joust of the Saracens.

Begun in the 1400s as a tribute to the Crusades, the joust's original rules allowed all armed knights who appeared in Arezzo's Piazza Grande (the main and literally, "large square") to join in.

Modernly, the town elders have divided Arezzo into four quarters ("cittadini") approximating the political and tax subdivision of old. Marked by their own colors and coats, the citizens of Santo Spirito, Porta Sant' Andrea, Porta Crucifera, and Porta Del Foro, select two knights each to compete in the Joust. Except for this minor change, Arezzo's citizenry has rigorously preserved the trappings of the original Joust of the Saracens.

In fact, the 20th century is nowhere in sight on the afternoon of this first clear breezy Sunday in September.

The sharp rap of drums signals the coming of Arezzo's musicians who proudly lead each quarter's

knights and their foot soldiers, bowmen and lovely ladies-in-waiting through the winding cobblestone streets of the old city into tournament site at the Piazza Grande, where trumpeters underscore the tension and excitement of the Joust with the beat of war-like airs.

An ancient, sloping square bounded by 13th and 14th century buildings, the Piazza Grande offers the perfect setting for this event. A portion of the square is crowned by a clock tower and turrets, while a porticoed 12th century church and a 16th century palace designed by the famed Areatine architect Vasari complete the square's dimensions.

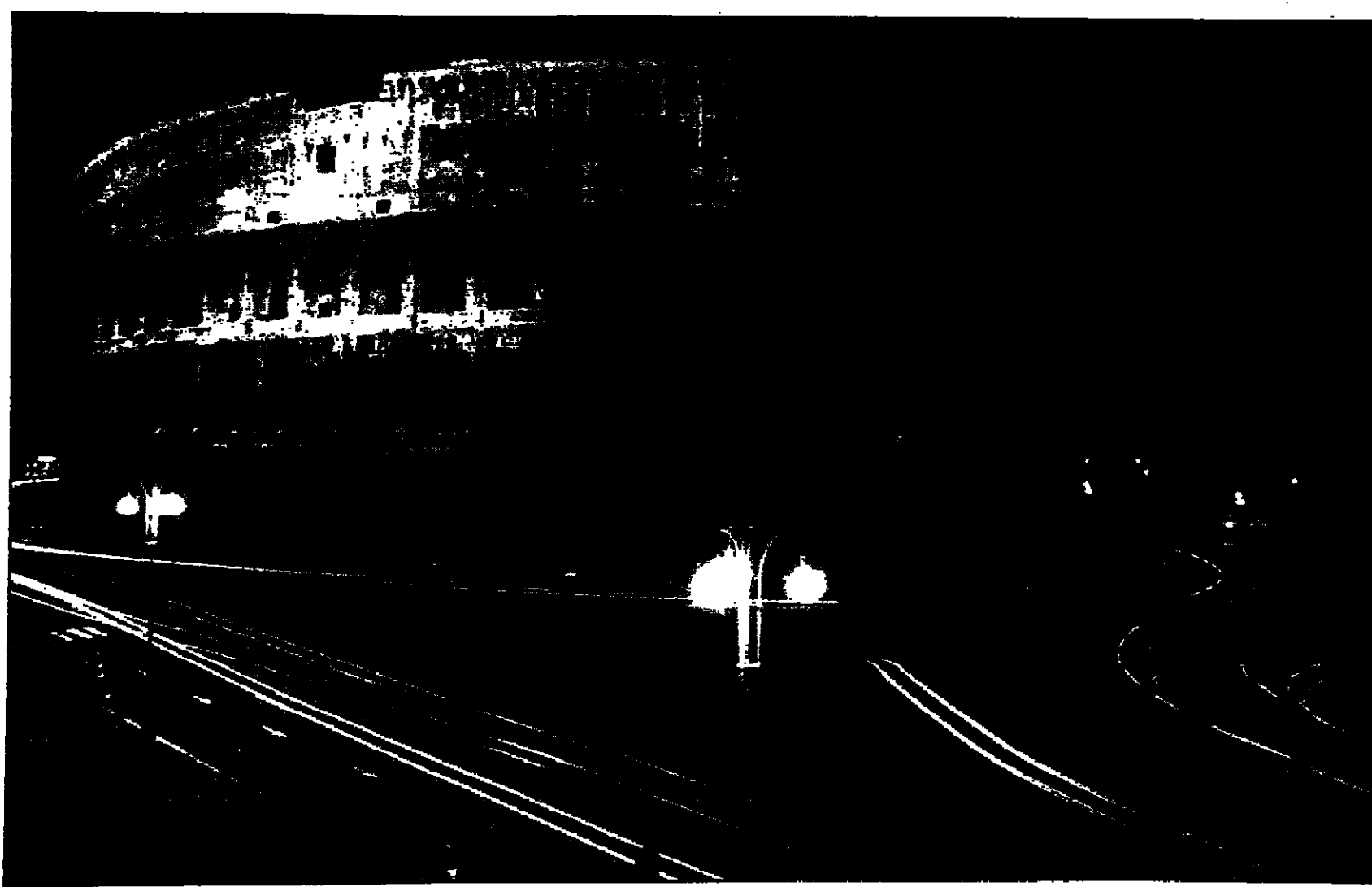
Most of the buildings are blanketed by huge, richly

colored flags proclaiming the occupants' allegiances in the tournament to come.

The Joust itself, however, is merely one aspect of this heady occasion. The performance of Arezzo's "gruppo stambardatori" rivals that of her knights in popularity and skill. The first group to revive the ancient art of flag hurling of flags between two individuals which escalates into a series of more complex maneuvers performed in pairs and then among sub-groups of four.

The highly spirited spectacle is fraught with a series of acrobatic tumbles and feints which show off the precision, speed and daring of each of the players, and mirrors the drama of the Joust to come. Finally,

SNAPSHOTS AFTER SUNSET



The Roman Coliseum offers a spectacular photo opportunity at night.

Photo by Ann and Carl Purcell

By Carl and Ann Purcell

Copley News Service

Too many photographers put away their cameras after dark and, in so doing, miss some incredible picture opportunities. Cities glow with light from a thousand sources, and we love recording illuminated buildings, monuments and moving traffic with our cameras.

The shooting techniques involved are not complicated. Basically, you can use any camera with a built-in meter that can control the exposure, and that means most cameras on the market today. These range from point-and-shoot to the more sophisticated single-lens reflex cameras. You'll need a good tripod, and it is desirable to have a cable release to attach to the camera if a connection is available.

The first question most people ask is what type of film they should use. Ironically, the answer is daylight type, whether it is slide or color-negative film. Daylight film records the mixed light from an illuminated city with a vibrant warmth. Tungsten-type film usually makes city night scenes cold and unappealing. Accept the fact that some buildings illuminated by tungsten light will have an orange or golden color. This is far better than the buildings appearing bluish.

Set your tripod and camera up in a safe location in a fairly bright part of the city. This might be the Ginza in Tokyo, Piccadilly Circus in London or Times Square in New York City. Compose the scene carefully and bracket your exposures with one stop over normal and one stop under. This can be

accomplished with an exposure control or by changing the ISO setting for each picture if the exposure control feature is not available on your camera.

Don't worry about moving traffic. Headlights and taillights will be recorded as streaks of light during the duration of your exposure, a visually pleasing effect. Push the shutter button (or your cable release) and the meter in your camera will calculate the exposure, opening the shutter and closing it at approximately the right times. You'll be surprised at how well your night pictures turn out. Just remember to keep your camera on a solid tripod.

Want to get fancy with flash? Many cameras allow you to use your camera's flash on a flash on a foreground subject, such as a person, and record the city lights in the background. Such lighting is used by the pros when they take pictures of models in city settings. Don't forget to keep the camera on a tripod even when using flash, or the city lights in the background will be messy streaks. Refer to your camera manual for instructions on how to take this kind of flash picture at night with your specific camera.

What subjects should you choose for night pictures? Try shooting neon and electric tunnel signs, such as those you will find in Times Square or in Las Vegas. Look for monuments and buildings illuminated by quartz lights, such as the U.S. Capitol Building or the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The results will be well worth the effort.

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Right: Before the joust, knights, bowmen and lovely ladies-in-waiting are led through the winding cobblestone streets.
Below: Striking the center of the Saracen's shield confers the highest possible score.



Photo courtesy of Ellen Klugman

the groups converge in a frenzied crescendo performance in which all twelve flag bearers tumble and toss in a feverish blur of color resembling bursts of human fireworks.

Afterwards, a challenge is read to "Buratto, King of the Indies," and amidst the blare of trumpets and a roar of approval from onlookers, the Joust begins.

With lances poised in intense concentration, horsemen from each quarter charge against a huge effigy of the bearded, menacing looking "Saracen." The crowd falls hush, and all eyes focus upon the shield carried in the Saracen's outstretched left hand.

Striking the center of the Saracen's shield confers the highest possible score. The sport is made all the more dramatic by the fact that a lead and leather cat o' nine tails is attached to the outstretched fist of the Saracen's right hand, rotating on an axis when the Saracen hit. Points are deducted from the unlucky quarter whose knight has been scathed or unseated by the Saracen's sting.

Amidst cheers and boos from the audience, the victorious knights joyously accept their prize from the festival's King and his Queen. Swept into the air by their comrades, the celebrants bob en masse through the streets of Arezzo to begin a night long string of celebrations.

The Piazza Grande only hosts the Joust of the Saracen two weekends per year. Visit it on the first weekend of any other month, however, (the first Sunday and its preceding Saturday) and you're bound to discover the chaos and bustle of a different kind of sport, shopping at the Arezzo Antiques Fair.

There, stalls of antique furniture, elegant old porcelain dolls, walking sticks, 19th century prints, and Italian inlaid music boxes sit next to turn-of-the-century

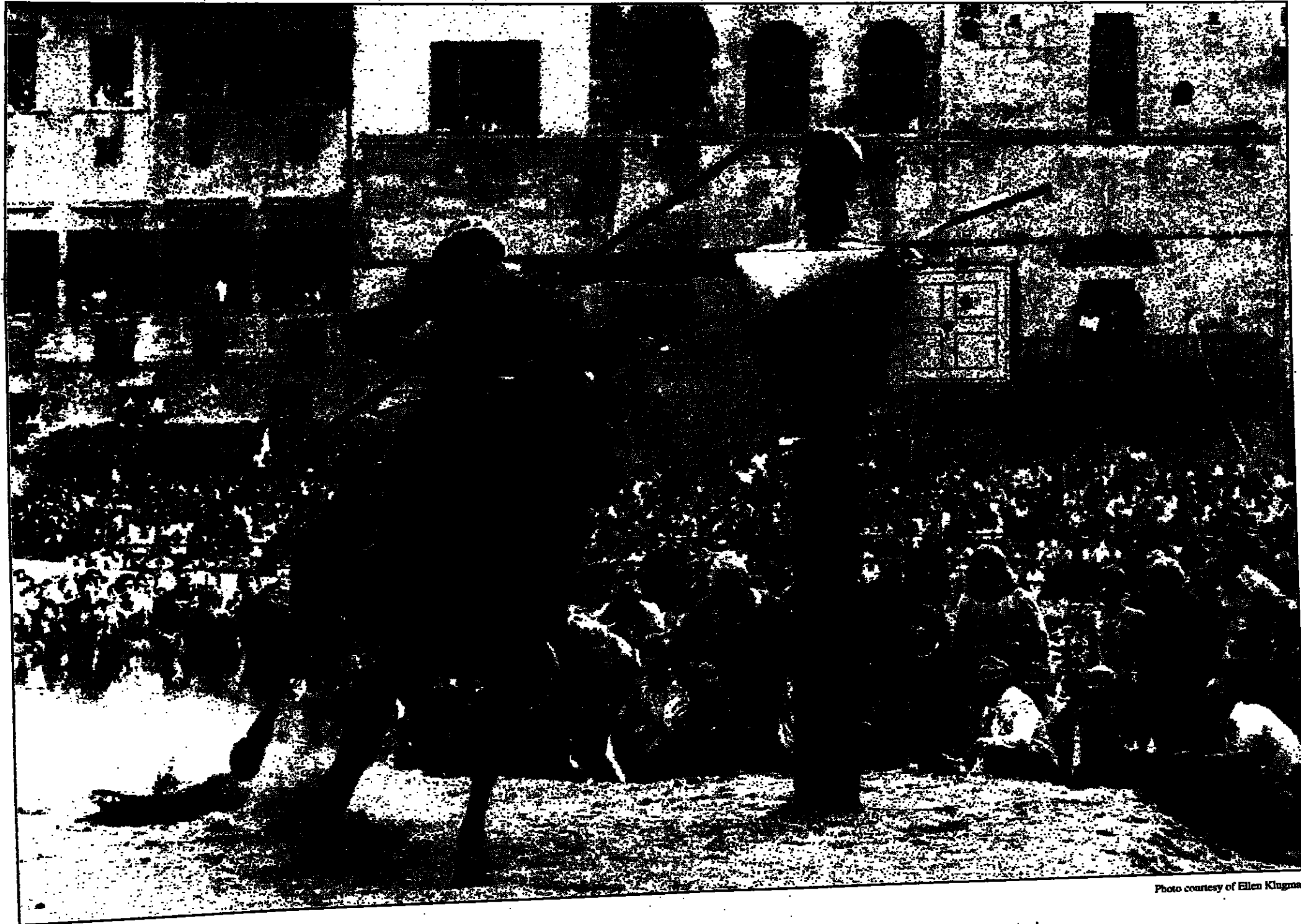


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hand-embroidered tablecloth, and worthless bric-a-brac brought by small antiques dealers and shop owners from cities throughout Italy. On the weekends of the Joust, the Antiques Fair is held in a shaded park above the old city.

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A discerning eye can sometimes uncover real finds buried among the usual flea market wares. In one stall, for example, amidst a clutter of gramophones, cheap vases, and necklaces lay what looked like a large, turn of the century Lalique dove, whose origin was confirmed by the signature on the heavy statuette's underside. The price was a real steal: \$300.

Whether or not you find a bargain, however, is almost beside the point. Arezzo's truly priceless aspects are available to everyone.

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CAR TREKKING IN GREECE

By Ann Owens Gilliland

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NORTHERN PELOPONNESE, Greece—According to the rental car map, the national highway was over there, but we were over here. How to get from here to there was a puzzle. The only roads leading in that direction were dead ends.

Roads were ill-marked, jammed with traffic—particularly around Athens and Piraeus—and often meandered in crazy-quilt patterns. The rental car map was no help. The Greeks were friendly, all right, but few spoke enough English to give directions.

So why do it? Call it crazy, but there's the freedom to go where you want, when you want—sleep late, shop and go sightseeing at leisure. Besides it's a chance to see the real country, not just the one seen from a tour bus window.

Take the Northern Peloponnese. There's ancient Corinth, the seaside towns along the north shore, the ruins at Olympia, the mountain villages between Olympia and Nauplia on the bay of the Argolic Sea.

CORINTH

The traffic in Athens was a horror. But once out of the city it cleared and the 55 miles to Corinth went quickly.

A bridge spans the deep cut in the isthmus at Corinth. People tried digging through the peninsula as early as 67 B.C., but it wasn't until the late 1800s that the canal was completed.

Modern Corinth—or Korinthos, as it's spelled in Greek—is not much to look at. It's ancient Corinth and the imposing fortress atop Acrocorinth that people want to see.

Destroyed by earthquakes and invaders, Corinth was revived by Julius Caesar in 44 B.C. The Apostle Paul preached there during 51-52 and was inspired to write letters to the Corinthians.

Ancient Corinth lies around the bend, past the corner with souvenir stands and outdoor tavernas. Among the ruins is a museum with displays of Mycenaean and Corinthian pottery, fine Roman mosaics, terracotta sphinxes and sculptures. Standing north of the entrance is the Temple of Apollo, built in 6 B.C.

The road beyond the ancient site winds past orange and olive groves, and climbs the 1,863-foot peak to Acrocorinth, the largest and oldest fortress in the Peloponnese. The drive and climb up is worth it for the view.

The quickest way to get to Olympia from Corinth is to take the main highway that follows the coast, but a road parallel to the national highway skirts pebbled beaches and scenic villages, where an occasional fisherman dries an octopus in the sun.

It was easy enough to get off the big highway at various exits to drive along the coastal road, but almost impossible to get back on. Prepare to travel miles before finding a road leading back.

Before Patras, Greece's third-largest city, is Rio, home of the Castle of the Morea. There's also a car ferry here that connects with the Greek mainland across the way.

With too much traffic and industrial scenery, Patras is not much to look at, though it has some ancient history. There's the shell of a castle and, at its base, the old town with some neoclassical houses. Rising above the lower city is the cathedral of St. Andrew.

OLYMPIA

The road to Olympia veers away from the coast and rises into the pleasant mountain village of

Olympic fame. Supposedly the first Olympics were held here in 776 B.C. in honor of Zeus and continued every four years until 393 A.D.

Victors of the Games won a crown made from olive branches and perhaps some fame. The modern

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Olympics were reborn in 1896. Today on Olympic years, a torchbearer starts from Olympia carrying the torch to the city where the Games will be held.

Temple of Zeus. Near the entrance are the stone pillars of Palaestra, where the ancient athletes trained. A few of the rooms around the square field, which were used for bathing and socializing, still contain 2,000-year-old bathtubs. Protected with a tin roof is a receptacle where the first Olympic flame burned.

Across the road from the archaeological site is an Olympic museum. Treasures from the ruins include the stone head of Hera and the marble statue of Hermes. The museum also houses groupings of life-size sculptures. In the town itself—amongst sidewalk cafes and souvenir shops—is the Museum of the Olympic Games.

Take the high road from Olympia through the mountains to Nauplia. It's narrow and winding, but it passes through villages where red-tile houses are

Out in the bay floats the fortified islet of Bourtai. Pastel-painted buildings with busy sidewalk tavernas line the waterfront. Just behind them is the old city with neoclassical houses sporting flower-filled balconies and narrow, pedestrian-only alleyways framed with smart shops and tiny set-in-the-street tavernas. Looming on the hill overlooking this is the Venetian fortress of Palamidi. In the summer the fort is high-lighted at night, and in the spring there is a blaze of wildflowers.

Nauplia also has a Saturday morning farmers' market where piles of juicy strawberries and tomatoes share space with giant artichokes and cabbages. Most of Nauplia is walkable, even the hilltop fortress if one wants to climb almost 900 steps, but with a rental car, it would be crazy not to drive.

CAR TRAVEL TIPS

Arrange for a rental car before you go. Sometimes it's possible to get a good deal on a hotel-car package.

pay to be shy. Get a good road map!

Fill up with gas before entering long stretches of road. Mountain towns, beach towns and some facilities are not always open off-season. Greece's hot season is May to October, off-season is November to April. It's less crowded then, but can be cold and rainy.

IF YOU GO

Hotels: Check to see if rooms have heat and hot water, and look for the location of plugs/outlets (take an extension cord) and lumpy beds. Greek hotels do not compare favorably with those in other parts of Europe, so look a room over before taking it.

What to wear: For car travel, go casual and comfortable; few places require dressy clothes. Take sturdy walking shoes any time. If you go off-season, take an umbrella and sweaters.

Attractions: All charge \$4 to \$10. Check individual sites for opening and closing times. Off-season hours are irregular.



The Acrocorinth, located near Corinth, Greece, is the largest and oldest fortress in the Peloponnese.

Photo by Ann Owens Gilliland

Little of the old stadium is left save a stone archway leading into the arena, a few stone benches for VIP spectators and a stone starting block that stretches across the grassy arena.

The stadium is part of an extensive archaeological site that is still being excavated. Dominating the center of the tree-shaded site are the remains of the

stepped down mountainsides and where grizzled old men guzzle ouzo at roadside tavernas. In between is breathtaking scenery.

Nauplia—or Nauplion—is wrapped inside the Argolic Bay some 91 miles southwest of Athens and is close enough to other sites to make the seaside village a pleasing centerpiece.

If flying into Athens, try to arrange to pick up the rental car at the city's edge to avoid driving in traffic. Wherever the car is picked up, take the national highway and follow the signs, which are written first in Greek, then sometimes in English. Bone up on the Greek alphabet so you can read road signs.

Greek drivers are very aggressive, so it doesn't

Tipping: Tips are added to the bill (by law) at restaurants and tavernas. If service is especially good, leave a few drachmas extra.

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The cathedral is at the edge of the Monastiraki, where there are lively tavernas and hole-in-the-wall cafeterias, which serve coffee, tea and cakes. Enough of gazing at monuments. Here's a chance to sample Greek ouzo, a licorice-like liqueur and wander around the Monastiraki's flea market. Amid the usual array of cheap souvenirs most shops carry leather goods, Turkish rugs, ceramic copies of museum pieces, and gold and silver jewelry.

After an overview by tour bus and armed with a city map, Athens is navigable by foot. Catching a taxi on the street is almost impossible, though there are plenty. It's best to call one from a restaurant or hotel and plan to pay about \$1.35 extra for the summons.

Athens also is a good base for side trips to other sites. Cape

It's hard to imagine that this architectural wonder has survived more than 2,400 years despite wars and a 17th century fire that destroyed the roof, much of the interior and more than a dozen columns.

Sounion, for instance, is an easy afternoon trip. The road skirts several affluent suburbs, skirts the pretty Saronic Gulf coast and ends at the southernmost point of central Greece. On the point, the Temple of Poseidon, built in 5 B.C., stands 197 feet above the sea. On a day without smog, at least seven islands are visible.

The road to Delphi winds along the Gulf of Itea. Delphi is worth at least a day or more. The archaeological site is a treasure trove including the Temple of Apollo, the statue of the Charioteer and the Naxian column.

Going west from Athens to the Peloponnese, the national road crosses the Corinth Canal—the deep cut in the canal makes a good picture—and goes to ancient Corinth where the apostle Paul lived in 51 A.D. Several tours take in the ruins at Mycenae and the lively tourist seaside town of Nauplion. Atop the craggy cliffs is an ancient Venetian fort and below that an old section of narrow streets with neat shops and a slew of sidewalk tavernas. The Fanaria Taverna may be the best in town for dinner. For drinks, the tavernas along the busy waterfront are lively.

IF YOU GO

When to go: Although Athens never closes, Greece's "season" runs May to October. From November to April, it's less crowded, but some places are not fully open and the weather can be cold and rainy.

What to wear: Resist overpacking. Greece is always casual and hot during season. Off-season, layer clothes like jeans and sweaters and take an umbrella and sturdy walking shoes.

Getting there: Athens has two airports—a west terminal, used by Olympia Air for domestic flights, and an east terminal for international flights.

Getting around: Taxis are inexpensive, but surcharges are added for many things, such as a number of suitcases. The fare should run about \$9 to \$10 from airport to town. City buses go everywhere if you can read Greek, and the KTEL Bus operates to North Greece and the Peloponnese.

Where to stay: For convenience, pick a spot near the Acropolis. As an example, the Divani Palace Acropolis, four to five blocks below the Acropolis, charges \$99 per night for an adequate, but small room for two, which includes a full breakfast. The deluxe Grand Bretagne Hotel, well located near Syntagma square, is \$270 and up.

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few artifacts. Anything large enough to carry had evidently been hauled away. No furniture, pots, household utensils, clothing or tools remained.

And there were no people, unlike Pompeii, where the residents were caught in midstride by searing volcanic gases and ash—and their horrified faces preserved for all of posterity. There were no bodies, no skeletons of man or beast (except for a lone pig) found at Akrotiri.

When the volcano finally began to erupt, it buried Akrotiri in a thick blanket of volcanic ash. Ironically, it was this ash that cushioned the city against the horrific explosion and preserved it for centuries to come.

If the residents fled the city to other parts of the island, it would have been futile. When the volcano exploded, it took more than half of the island with it. Only the eastern side remained. The rest was blown to bits. The sea rushed in to fill the crater, no doubt spawning the legend of the sinking of Atlantis.

The collapse of the volcano created a giant circular harbor that is now home to fishing boats, ferries and cruise ships coming to and from the island.

Visitors to Akrotiri today are led on guided tours through the town. Most of the excavation is covered by a huge roof to protect the ruins—and the tourists—from the stiff winds and blistering Mediterranean sun.

Once inside, antiquity is everywhere. Huge terra-cotta jars that once held grain, oil or wine lie abandoned in a roofless storehouse. A grinding stone can be seen through the window of what must have been a mill 3,500 years ago. Broken pottery lies in a heap in an abandoned house.

During the first part of the tour, visitors walk on boardwalks above the ruins, but they soon descend to wander the actual streets and alleys of the city.

The city doesn't resemble some of the vast, grand cities of the past, such as Ephesus. Akrotiri—at least the part uncovered so far—

is made up of one- to three-story houses. Generally the first floors were used as stores or industries, as there is much evidence of pots, lapidary craftsmen, metalworkers and millers.

The upper floors were reserved for living quarters and, in some cases, temples. Unlike other towns of antiquity, the temples were small affairs scattered throughout the city, rather than a vast and impressive building at the heart of the city.

These small temples were decorated with rich frescoes depicting scenes of the Akrotirians at work and play. (Unfortunately for visitors to Santorini, these magnificent artworks are now in Athens decorating the National Museum.)

Wander through West Square, one of the largest, and imagine the hustle and bustle of citizens going about their business. Peek in a basement window to see the piles of jars stored there. Another window looks into a workshop, where tools are still strewn about, awaiting the craftsman's return.

Farther down the street, a large window in the miller's house allowed him to sell his flour directly to people passing by. From across the street, priests could watch their flock from the door of their shrine. Farther along, a jumble of apartment houses stands in ruin.

To get a better idea of how Akrotiri may have looked way back then, head to present-day Thira, the island's primary city. Many parts still resemble an ancient city, with narrow lanes and alleys connecting humble buildings and shops. But today, instead of selling flour and pottery, the shops sell T-shirts, jewelry and souvenirs.

The streets, many only wide enough for pedestrians, are often crowded with tourists soaking up the atmosphere. Small restaurants and guest houses overlook the spectacular bay far below, and a must-do is sipping a glass of the locally produced wine in a rooftop restaurant as the sun sets over the watery caldera.

Another favorite touristy thing to do is to ride the donkeys up the cliff side. A wide switchback trail with more than 500 stairs connects the harbor to the town atop the cliffs. Or, there's a cable car for those who like a more civilized way to get up and down the hillside.

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Don't put up with being put down

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie, I've been with a man for the past four years. Every one says he has turned me into a "shadow of my former self." He tends to say hurtful things when he is under pressure. Friends and family cannot understand how I put up with him. They think I am blind to his faults. This is not true. I often wish he treated me better, but I love him fiercely and I know he loves me.

He says I am the only woman who could withstand his insults. My problem is that I am becoming removed from my previous network of friends, since none of them wishes to be with me when I am with this man.

I envy other couples who seem to be able to socialize with one another. But I am torn, because I am so in love. Why must I choose?

In Love and Lonely Somewhere in Israel

Dear Lonely Lover, Putting up with being put down is a dangerous form of "love." The fact that you take pride in your ability to withstand his insults is worrisome. You may not be "blind" to this man's faults, but your vision in relation to yourself must be blurry.

You envy other couples' ability to socialize with one another - yet you are more intent upon eliciting a pat on the head from a man who is separating you from all other support systems.

I disagree with the assessment that he has "turned you into a shadow of your former self," however. Emotional abuse requires a welcoming recipient. You ask why you are forced to choose between the love of a man and that of friends and family.

The answer is that you should not have to choose. Get yourself some professional help, lest you

find yourself taking pride in being able to withstand physical beatings as well.

Dear Ruthie, My friend and I spend a great deal of time discussing the issue of finding a man who isn't either married, gay, or a total jerk.

A couple of months ago, she called me to announce that she had met such a man, and was "working on" getting him to notice her in a romantic way. Since then, we spent a lot of time talking about how she should proceed.

Last week, she and I were in a restaurant, and suddenly he appeared. She asked him to join us, which he did. That evening, he called me (after looking my number up in the phone book) and asked me out. I turned him down (though I, too, find him appealing). My problem now is that I don't know whether to tell her, and if so, how to go about doing it. I'm so nervous that I've been avoiding seeing her.

Friend in a Frenzy
Tel Aviv

Dear Friend-zied, If you continue avoiding her, you are apt to wind up minus a friend. This would be an ironic twist of circumstance, since you forfeited a date with an appealing man to avoid losing this friend.

If you don't tell her about the incident, she may continue to talk about him, all the while imagining there is still hope (apparently, this guy knows quite well how to approach a woman he is interested in). She also may hear about it from him - which would be worse.

How she reacts to this tidbit is out of your control. But, at least you will not feel you have to continue being evasive.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

A new show involving a free-falling kinetic water fountain has audiences captivated, writes Jessica Steinberg

STEVEN Pevnick has a major marketing dilemma. Nobody knows that they need his product. That's a bit of an exaggeration, but then again, Pevnick's creation does occupy a niche of its own.

Especially when you consider that it takes half a semi-trailer and a crew of three to transport the 43 crates carrying Pevnick's 10-meter-tall, 4,360-kilogram free-falling kinetic water droplet fountain.

Pevnick's calls his creation a multimedia production. It is actually a fountain with computer-controlled valves which the water uses to build words and images, as each valve puts out pixels - the small elements that together form an image - of water. Using basic computer clip art, graphics that he designs himself and high contrast images like letters and ribbons, Pevnick runs various word-and-image sequences through the program that are then displayed by the water pixels.

"It's themed architecture," explains Pevnick. "I took the computer and moved it into urban fountains. I believe this is the next celebration of urban space, the technology of urban public display. Architectural digests tell me that when it's not just research, they'll take a look at it. But I want to bring it to the public."

The 51-year-old Pevnick - an associate professor of art at the University of Wisconsin - developed the fountain 20 years ago while he was researching the future of urban fountains. After receiving a grant, he designed and patented a water valve that "talks" to the computer. "The university has been a big supporter," he says. "It's a great re-



Steven Pevnick believes his fountain is the 'next celebration of urban space.'

search environment, very flexible, and they let me try to get this idea out there, sort of like a lecture circuit. They're willing to let me go fishing."

The problem is, it takes money, lots of it, to run this thing. After creating his first fountain, Pevnick was represented by the Klein Art Gallery in Chicago which steered him toward the trade industry, where various companies used the fountain as a backdrop for their merchandise displays at trade shows.

Pevnick grins as he reminisces about his entree into the world of trade and commerce, light years away from research and academia.

"At one show, I was talking to Chris Kennedy, Bobby's son who's in the family business, Grandpa Kennedy's Merchandise Mart," he relates.

"He said to me, 'Listen, I've got this building whose lobby is filled with people all the time. They're just waiting to put their name on your fountain.' So I told him, 'Yeah, but who's going to teach my classes while I stay in Chicago for a month to turn on the computer every morning?'" He chuckles. "In short, we have a lot of water and they have carpeting, that's why it can't run by itself."

Pevnick networked his way around, making contact with Kohler, the bathroom-accessory company.

At any given home trade show, the Kohler display attracts 70,000 to 80,000 people during each four-day show. And Pevnick's fountain is the perfect backdrop for Kohler's water-driven products.

"I was shocked at my first trade show, I had no idea," he says. "They have choreographed

and talking without looking at one another," says Pevnick. "They only have eyes for the fountain. It's like a little piece of Disney World, people take pictures with the fountain as their backdrop or they sit and relax. It has a life of its own. People don't call for me; they call for my fountain."

Pevnick is on sabbatical this year, and came to Israel with his wife Laurie and five-year-old son Gersh to spend the fall semester teaching industrial design at the Center for Technology in Holon. It's been a return to his roots in more ways than one as his academic background is in visual arts.

After graduating from college as an electrical engineer, Pevnick worked in St. Louis on the F4 Phantom flown by the IAF.

He moved on to toy design, developing several role-model toys that are on the market.

"I was into electronics and art," he comments. "Everyone else was doing sculpture and drawing. But it was an innovative time. Camcorders were coming out and there was a man on the moon."

He's used to looking ahead, and now he's picturing the fountain's progression from marketing for the trade industry, to amusement architecture in hotel lobbies, casinos and amusement parks.

He speaks excitedly when describing its possibilities.

"You can do anything with the fountain," he says. "You can put the stock market prices up every half hour. It's a public information display that can be culture specific."

"I get a [trade show] call every other week to bid on, but this is something that should really be long to everyone."

Pevnick envisions mall fountain E-mail, where people can send messages in any language that will then be displayed on the fountain, or fountain graffiti, with half hour increments of free drawing time.

"Fountains give you a vision, a moment of contemplation, even at a trade show," he adds.

World peace is in the air, but wars are still brutal

THE end of history has come and gone. The notion that the end of ideology would end conflict per se was rapidly disproved by the staying power of that old evil, militant nationalism. But this century of horrendous and bloody warfare just may be ending in an unprecedented outbreak of peace.

This time of year is traditionally the season for truces. Twelve months ago former US president Jimmy Carter engineered a cease-fire in Bosnia. During World War I, British soldiers played a famous Christmas football match against their German enemies in no man's land. Today there are silences on fronts to the north, south, east and west.

Many of the most intractable conflicts which have their roots in the post-war settlements of 1919, 1945 and the end of the Cold War are on hold. Those in former Yugoslavia and the Middle East are two, the southern underbelly of the Soviet Union another. Several other tribal wars - such as that in Northern Ireland - have also fallen silent.

"It is true that there is more peace and goodwill to all men this year than last," said Sir Anthony Parsons, Britain's former ambassador to the UN. But he added a predictable caveat. "That doesn't mean that fighting won't break out again or that conflicts have been resolved."

Swedish academics who collate statistics on war, which they define as a conflict involving at least one government and causing 1,000 or more battle-related deaths a year, say that, since they started their records in 1989, there have never been so few wars waged in the world.

It is necessary to go back decades - perhaps as far as the late 1920s - before one finds an era when the most powerful nations of the world have been so free of war or its threat. In the past even periods of peace were overshadowed by preparations for war, from the rearmament and appeasement of the 1930s to the Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) of the Cold War.

The great age of conflicts between nation states over territory appears to have passed; the last major example of such a conflict was the Gulf war. Yemeni warplanes did recently swoop over the Eritrean troops who had earlier seized the volcanic island of Hanish al-Kabir in the Red Sea, but there was something rather quaint about so traditional a war.

As for the future, military pundits have conjured up images of high-tech wars fought by "smart" weapons (as used in the Gulf war) supposedly designed to avoid civilian casualties.

THE WARS of the next century are already being fought in places like Gudermes, the Chechen town where Russian forces battled rebels last month.

In Chechnya, a state is not fighting against another state; central government troops are trying to put down a separatist insurrection. And modern weapons are being deployed, not to minimize collateral damage, but to maximize destruction and the "kill ratio" among the civilian population.

Chechnya, Bosnia and other conflicts point to a regression in the conduct of war to a more brutal, ruthless era.

"We are going back to a world before 1648, before there were nation states as such, back to the 30 Years' War or the 100 Years' War," said Prof. Martin van Creveld of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

"This is a world of small states, of warlords with shifting loyalties and wars without major set-piece clashes," he said.

"The conflicts are much more bloody as well. The people fighting them are not just soldiers either, but civilians too. That is why there is no distinction between combatants and noncombatants."

Nowhere is this more apparent than in Africa, where wars characterized by unspeakable acts of violence still rage, and where the UN and the international media fear to tread.

It may be that this sort of conflict will be increasingly confined to regions far removed from the world's strategic mainstream. Where it identifies its interests to be at stake, the international establishment - those countries with the longest strategic and economic "reach" - is prepared to intervene in conflicts as never before.

Perhaps December 1995 marks a mere hiatus. The antagonists in the conflicts which broke out at the end of the Cold War have fought themselves to a standstill. The new powers which will wage the wars of the next century and are for the moment competing in the new arms races in the Gulf and the Far East are not yet ready to settle old scores on the battlefield.

If there is one major restraint on states' ability to wage war which could ensure that this hiatus lasts it is cost.

There is also the view that, with the growth of democracy, war is simply going out of political fashion. As national leaders seek to win their citizens' votes, they are ever more aware that it is consumer comforts - televisions not armaments - that will ensure their political survival. (The Sunday Telegraph)

Italian baroness becomes an anti-Mafia crusader

FOR many years, Rosanna Boemi lived the life of a fading aristocracy. She tended a decaying mansion in central Reggio di Calabria, Italy, where she looked after an antiques store, five cats and her brother, Antonio.

All that changed dramatically one July morning in 1991 when a hired gunman pumped three bullets into Antonio's face, leaving him dead at the mansion's doorstep. The killer also leveled the pistol at the baroness, who had been at the gate to see Antonio off, but the weapon misfired. Antonio was killed because he refused to sell an olive grove to a local organized-crime family.

From that moment of death and survival, Cordopatri took up a role for which she hardly seemed prepared and never imagined performing: anti-Mafia crusader.

She refused to give up the land, saw through a painful and dangerous criminal trial of the assassin and his paymasters and is pressing the central government to make war on the mob.

"I want the Italian state to do its duty. The Mafia is stronger than the state - not

Her story is one of personal courage, but also one of national shame. Her lonely battle is a reminder that Italians and their government have long ceded parts of the national territory to the mob.

Over the past several decades, law-enforcement campaigns against Mafia dominance have been only sporadic and have not substantially rolled back the influence of organized crime in wide parts of Sicily, Calabria and Campania.

Indeed, there is plenty of evidence of collusion between the Mafia and political parties that have run Italy since World War II.

"If it goes on like this," said Salvatore Boemi, the chief prosecutor in an understaffed anti-crime office in Reggio, "we will be out of business in a year."

"The Baroness Cordopatri is very brave," he continued. "But what is needed is a national strategy against the Mafia, like the war against terror in the 1970s. Anything short of that is useless."

Calabria is one of the more crime-infested parts of Italy. Its branch of the Mafia

Thousands of families depend on Mafia money for jobs and investments; it is a place where many people would say the baroness is crazy - even wrong - to fight organized crime.

Among Calabrian Mafia families, it is traditional to appropriate land - not only for its monetary value, but also for its prestige.

During the 1960s, the Mafia began to buy up parcels in Piana Gioia Tauro, near Aspromonte mountain.

The method was always the same. Boemi said: a low offer to buy; a refusal from the owner; followed by threats from the would-be purchaser; then the sale, but often no payment.

In Piana, only the Cordopatri held out. Verbal and written threats streamed into their home. Christmas 1990 brought this greeting: "This holiday, you are eating sweets; the next one, you'll be eating dirt." In July, Antonio was dead.

After the shots were fired, his sister chased the gunman, who was caught by a

and frightened to find out it was a Mafia hit man; the policeman thought he was just dealing with a purse-snatcher.

The gunman was sentenced to 25 years in prison and one of his paymasters to life in prison for hiring him. Cordopatri, afraid of Mafia vengeance, has a 24-hour armed guard, provided by the government.

Cordopatri hardly had time to savor that victory when an ironic struggle began with the government. Under Italian law, she had to pay an inheritance tax for the land, about \$80,000.

She refused to pay, however, because the Mafia had scared off everyone from working the olive grove. There was no way to harvest the olives.

"We want to pay," Cordopatri said. "But the government cannot provide security to work the land. Why should Italians pay taxes when livelihood and land are off-limits to them?"

Last year Cordopatri held a hunger strike to protest the tax, and officials agreed to delay payment. (Washington Post)

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

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Namir: No intention of bringing in Chinese workers

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

LABOR and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir yesterday dismissed the suggestion of bringing 50,000 Chinese workers here, stating that the matter is not on the government's agenda.

Namir was commenting on a report in *Yedioth Aharonot* yesterday that China proposed sending 50,000 construction workers and engineers.

According to the report, a senior official from China's Foreign Ministry made the suggestion to Jerusalem deputy mayor Ariel Cohen, with whom he is in personal contact, and asked him to relay the offer to the housing and labor ministries here.

"We have learned that there is a demand in Israel for 50,000 foreign workers and engineers in the construction field, the Chinese official wrote. "We shall be happy to offer you the services of Chinese companies specializing

in large construction projects all over the world, including the Middle East."

Namir said she does not approve of importing workers from China and has no intention of permitting it. Namir's position was conveyed to the Chinese ambassador in Israel about a month ago, during a meeting with Namir.

Some 50,000 foreign workers, mostly from Romania, are already working in Israel. About 2,000 of these workers are from China, Labor Ministry sources said.

The sources said there is no urgent need for foreign workers or for the services of contracting companies. Once the relations with the Palestinian Authority are regulated, the demand for foreign workers is expected to be fulfilled by Palestinians, they noted.

Man Co. to announce buyer of Elite shares soon

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Man company of Britain, which controls about 24 percent of Elite Industries shares, is expected to announce next week which consortium will purchase its shares in the food company.

Man met with representatives of the Federman group and the Bino consortium in its offices in London yesterday. The two groups are competing against each other for controlling interest in Elite.

Clal Industries, a subsidiary of Clal Israel, is closely following developments in Man's offices in anticipation of joining up with the Federman group, which is headed by Elite chairman and general manager David Federman.

A senior source in Clal said the company regards Elite as a business opportunity, but the company's board of directors has not reached a final decision on the issue.

Published reports said Clal and Federman have an understanding regarding a joint bid, and the maximum price they will

be prepared to pay for the shares. "The situation is that we do not have enough information to reach a decision," said the source. "We are waiting to see what will happen in London."

The source said Clal has not sent anyone to London to take part in the negotiations, but it has a London-based representative who will be able to intervene if necessary to secure a joint arrangement. Clal's teaming up with Federman is expected to strengthen Federman's chances of purchasing Man's shares.

The Federman group is believed to consist of David Federman, his brother and father. Together the Federman family holds about 16% of Elite's shares. The Bino group is made up of Paz chairman Zedek Bino and the Australian-based Liberman family.

It is believed that over the last few weeks Bino has negotiated with Elite's other major shareholders, the Arad and Jesselson

families, in attempt to purchase their shares in the company. The two families each control 8% of Elite's shares.

According to published reports, Bino's bid is more than 50% higher than the market price. Bank Hapoalim's economic research department recently valued Elite at \$240 million-\$250m. The appraisal was made in the middle of December, at a time when Elite's shares were being traded at a market value of about \$202m.

The bank assumes Elite net profits for 1995 will reach NIS 48.5m, but drop to NIS 31.8m, in 1996 as a result of competition from Osem and Nestle.

Man decided to sell its holdings in Elite several months ago following forecasts that the company is going to go through a difficult period, because it is disappointed with the firm's performance, especially overseas, and due to the high turnover among Elite's senior managers during the last two years.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cimatron of the Clal Computers group announced yesterday it has filed for an initial public offering with the US Securities Exchange Commission. The firm intends to raise between \$15 million and \$21m. on Nasdaq, of which between up to NIS 60m. will be used to expand Cimatron's business. Rachel Neiman

Economic agreements signed with Vietnam: Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Vietnamese Finance Minister Ho Te signed three economic agreements yesterday. The first establishes a framework for general cooperation in the fields of agriculture, science, trade, and technology. The second is a tourism agreement, and the third is a memorandum of understanding on customs issues that includes plans to have Israel train Vietnamese customs officials and to work on joint projects to prevent smuggling. Post Business Staff

Sonol is in the final stages of negotiations with the US firm Southland, owners of the 7-11 convenience stores, for a master franchise agreement. A decision will be made by next week, Granite Hacarmel president Moshe Erez announced yesterday. Sonol, a wholly owned subsidiary of Granite Hacarmel, has invested \$1.5m. in local firm Hom Tov to develop a technology for fuel derived from oil shale and raw fuel residue.

With an end goal of increased customer service, Erez outlined planned changes in Sonol stations, including development of a self-service system, negotiations with the Subway and McDonald's fast food chains, convenience stores and car washes. Rachel Neiman

Ben-Gurion passenger traffic increases 15%

HAIM SHAPIRO

A TOTAL of 6.8 million passengers passed through Ben-Gurion Airport last year, a 15-percent rise from 1994, according to figures released yesterday by the Civil Aviation Administration (CAA).

The increase, according to the administration's annual report, was the result of a rise in both the number of incoming tourists and of Israelis traveling abroad.

The CAA noted that the local carriers - El Al and the Sun Dor and Arkia charter companies - together enjoyed 46.8% of the

El Al had an 18% increase in passengers from 1994, while the two charter companies together had 23% more.

As expected, El Al was by far the largest carrier, with 2.8 million passengers, 41.1% of the total. In 1994, El Al carried 2.3 million passengers, or 40.3% of the total.

There was a slight shift in favor

of scheduled airlines in comparison to charters, with a 16% growth in the former and 14% for the latter.

The second largest number of passengers was carried by TWA, which had 278,000, or 4.1%. Turkish Airlines was in third place with 273,000, or 4%. The fourth and fifth positions were held by Lufthansa (235,000, 3.4%) and British Airways (226,000, 3.3%).

Airlines showing large increases in traffic included Air Sinai, the Egyptian subsidiary flying to Sharm el-Sheikh, which jumped 64%; Turkish Airlines, which showed a 27% rise; and the Romanian airline Tarom, which had 28% more passengers than in 1994.

Air France and Austrian Airlines both suffered a 6% drop in the number of passengers.

Airlines which began flying here last year included World Airlines, Air Canada, JAT, and Korean Air.

Bezek to hold tender for advanced billing system

JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEQ announced yesterday it will hold a closed tender for five companies for the development and establishment of an advanced billing system for telecommunications services.

The competing companies are AT&T Solutions, GTE-DS, Amdel and a few weeks.

Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul said the project is a major step in the company's efforts to deal with competition from private firms.

When it is completed, the project will provide Bezeq customers with varied and personalized packages of services and information, as well as payment options. The five potential suppliers were selected after a careful examination of their abilities.

Bezeq said the choice of the five foreign contenders will not prevent local software firms from taking part in the project as secondary contractors.



Israel Export Institute director-general Amir Hayak (left) and Amra Argin, deputy secretary of Turkey's Center for the Promotion of Exports, shake hands yesterday in Tel Aviv after signing a deal promoting trade between the two countries. The agreement also calls for exchanging economic information and experts, joint market research, and joint development of products. (Yisrael Haderim)

Japan surplus falls for first time in five years

TOKYO (Reuters) - Japan's contentious trade surplus fell for the first time in five years in 1995, and economists said it could fall further this year.

One reason is structural change in the economy, which now has a bigger appetite for imports, they said.

The Finance Ministry said yesterday that the surplus in 1995 fell to \$107.10 billion from a record

\$120.86b. a year earlier.

"I believe this trend of a continuous decline in Japan's trade surplus will continue, at least in 1996, due mainly to sharply increasing imports," said Takumi Tsunoda, an economist at Yamaiichi Research Institute.

In December, the overall trade surplus declined to \$10.95b. from \$13.03b. a year earlier.

Japan's politically sensitive trade surplus with the US, often a cause of friction between the two countries, also fell for the first time in five years. It amounted to \$45.56b. in 1995 against \$54.90b. a year earlier.

Economists said they expected Japan's overall surplus to fall by between \$10b. and \$30b. in 1996. Yamaichi's Tsunoda said he expected the trade surplus to fall to about \$78.3b. in 1996.

"We believe the trade surplus is now on a shrinking trend," a senior Finance Ministry official said. "We hope it will decline further in line with future progress in structural reforms in the economy."

The yen's long rise up to mid-1995 and a resultant decline in Japanese competitiveness abroad led to increased imports and prompted Japanese firms to shift production offshore.

The dollar stood at an average of 93.76 yen in 1995, against an average of 102.37 yen in 1994.

Many Japanese manufacturers, led by the country's largest vehicle maker, Toyota Motor Corp. have boosted output abroad to avoid high production costs at home and to help ease trade tension with other countries, particularly the US.

"We are seeing Japan's trade surplus with the US decline sharply," Brian Pearce, chief economist at SBC Warburg in Tokyo said. "That's going to defuse a lot of tension."

But he added there was a possibility of rises in tension between Tokyo and Washington in some industry sectors.

For instance, on Tuesday, Japan flatly rejected US calls to extend a five-year-old pact on microchip trade.

IN the January 17th issue of *Monoc* magazine, columnist Pinchas Landau applauded the bureaucracy's blatantly illegal treatment of a law to establish a Free Export Processing Zone (FEPZ), passed by the Knesset in June 1994.

Instead of being implemented to the letter, the FEPZ Law was secretly revised and essentially destroyed by a committee of bureaucrats who presented it to Finance Minister Avraham Shohat. He evidently thought it was now no longer expedient to concern himself with the integrity of a bill passed by the Knesset, violated by bureaucrats, and then subjected to the final insult.

And now, Mr. Landau has made this story of unlawful conduct, bureaucratic arrogance and ministerial opportunism into a celebration.

Public relations artists do this sort of thing. We don't expect it from journalists. But Israelis should know, if Landau does not, that the world expects law, constitutionalism and fair-dealings

Dilution of FEPZ bill victory of statism over democracy

OPINION

DAVID YERUSHALMI

from Israel, and it is wary of secret deceit, open applause for it, and endless schmorring for more aid.

If an article in a newspaper which counsels applause at what is in fact the victory of Israeli statism over democracy does not employ argument or data, but uses instead ad hominem assaults, false assertion, and wild innuendo, is there no line in the sand that tells us, "we have crossed the boundary of civility and good sense?"

If a writer at once praises "democracy," but then praises its bureaucratic defeat (i.e. the defeat of law), one might guess that the line in the sand is being crossed.

Was it not a democratic system that worked when the FEPZ proposal underwent two years of open and public debate, passed through over 20 separate committees, and had finally become law? If one praises the destruction of this law, whatever his reasons, does he not promote lawlessness, incivility and all the hypocrisy of Israeli political life that should by now shame us?

According to Landau, the FEPZ is really a gimmick for free land and no taxes, flatly rejected by "journalists, independent academics, and most other outsiders." In fact, most independent academics and outsiders embraced the idea.

Moreover, the Israel Export Development Co. (IEDC) rejected the "special deals" concerning land and taxes commonly offered here; and demanded instead a general law that would allow the emergence of many competitive zones. In fact, everything about the FEPZ initiative resides in this point: the bureaucrats offered IEDC "deals" because they wanted to maintain their absolute control over business. IEDC rejection of this is what the FEPZ Law is about.

Landau's account is indistin-

guishable from the earliest attacks of the bureaucrats, faulting the FEPZ idea for neglecting labor rights, environment and so forth. Yet, from day one, the proposal demanded that every single Israeli law protecting workers' rights apply in the FEPZ.

In the FEPZs a special zone counsel, consisting of both government and private sector representatives, would provide the oversight for the one-step, one-stop administration. Telecommunications would be demopolitized providing for real competition and therefore reduced communication costs. And 97% of the workforce would be

What would the government receive? Wrong question. What do Israelis receive? No more tax-financed handouts for government; a universal 15% corporate tax on distributed profits; hundreds of millions of dollars of direct foreign investment; and tens of thousands of high-tech jobs, without a single Intel-like bribe.

Landau rounded out with an attack on *The Wall Street Journal* for its pro-FEPZ coverage of this tale. In the end, Israel is ill-served by statist bureaucrats and by some politicians and journalists who continue to believe that the world is listening to their applause and not watching the facts on the ground.

The writer is CEO and chairman of the Israel Export Development Co.

Due to a system failure parts of this article did not appear in yesterday's Money magazine.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Patrah (foreign currency deposit rates) (25.1.96)

Currency (deposit term)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (USD/100)	4.925	4.375	4.500
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German mark	2.0115	2.1251	2.05	2.18	2.1074
Pound sterling	4.8920	4.7537	4.60	4.55	4.7289
French franc	0.8107	0.8208	0.80	0.83	0.8157
Japanese yen (100)	2.9108	2.8576	2.88	3.00	2.9222
Dutch guilder	1.8571	1.8572	1.85	1.85	1.8521
Swiss franc	2.8223	2.8449	2.55	2.59	2.8229
Spanish peseta	0.4820	0.4820	0.44	0.47	0.4874
Scandinavian krona	0.4777	0.5488	0.53	0.57	0.5575
Denmark krone	0.5408	0.6956	0.48	0.50	0.6814
Finland mark	0.8223	0.8224	0.82	0.82	0.8223
Canadian dollar	2.2942	2.3211	2.23	2.24	2.2878
Australian dollar	0.8505	0.8543	0.77	0.77	0.8574
S. African rand	1.0177	1.0242	1.00	1.05	1.0252
Belgian franc (10)	2.8742	3.0222	2.82	3.07	2.8976
Austrian schilling (10)	1.9490	1.9505	1.91	1.91	1.9490
Italian lira (1000)			4.27	4.28	4.2834
Jordanian dinar			0.88	0.88	0.8836
Egyptian pound			4.77	5.01	4.8000
ESL			2.44	2.55	2.5034
Irish punt	3.8500	3.8121			
Spanish peseta (100)	4.8522	4.8328			

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Agassi returns to No. 1 rank

MELBOURNE (Reuter) - American Andre Agassi won back tennis's world No. 1 ranking yesterday with a bruising five-set quarter-final victory over compatriot Jim Courier at the Australian Open.

He was joined in the last four by unseeded Australian Mark Woodforde, a surprise late-night winner over seventh-seeded Swede Thomas Enqvist, and Boris Becker who blitzed Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Agassi clawed his way back from two sets down for the first time in a major event, to take the match 6-7, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in three hours, 18 minutes of ferocious, power tennis.

Agassi looked as though he had

let the opportunity to retake the top world ranking slip within the first hour as Courier took a two-set lead.

Down a break after the first game of the third set, Agassi seemed despondent and completely unable to tame eighth seed Courier's booming forehand and serve, both at their brutal best.

But the man who at his best can out-return any opponent, raised his game just in time, moving into a 180 kph (112 mph) serve and drawing gasps as he smashed a return across court to earn three break points in the very next game.

Agassi went on to take the second game of the third set and never looked in serious jeopardy for the remainder of the match.

breaking Courier another four times to seal it.

Fourth seed Boris Becker blasted world No. 6 Yevgeny Kafelnikov off the Flinders Park center court, beating the Russian 6-4, 7-6, 6-1 for a place in the semifinals.

After losing the first set, Kafelnikov appeared set to level the match when he raced to a 5-1 lead in the second set tie-breaker.

But Becker clawed his way back to a set point at 6-5, producing a breathtaking, lunging volley at 5-2, arguably the shot of the tournament.

The 30-year-old Woodforde, ranked 67 in the world and a doubles specialist, collapsed on his

back in disbelief at making his grand slam semifinal at the 38th attempt after defeating Enqvist 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 on center court in a wily display of serve and volley.

Woodforde's remarkable win over Enqvist was built around a near-flawless service game, which brought him 16 aces, and a play to force much of the match at the net, playing his more powerful opponent on to the back foot.

Cheered to victory by a fiercely partisan crowd, Woodforde said he had banked on his own quick reflexes at the net and timing on the serve to beat Enqvist.

Woodforde will be the first Australian to play in a semifinal here since Pat Cash in 1988.

Greece upstages Israel

ORI LEWIS

GREECE took advantage of poor play by the national team's defense to defeat Israel 2-1 in their warm-up match ahead of the World Cup qualifying campaign.

Greece looked decidedly out of sorts during the opening minutes of the match. The Israeli midfield exploited this to string together several good moves, which led to comfortable scoring chances for Haim Revivo, Reuven Atar and Ronnen Harazi within the first 15 minutes.

But then, just as it seemed as if Israel would definitely get on the scoreboard, the Greeks picked up the pace and applied moderate pressure on the Israeli back.

The Greeks did not need much more than this, as Israel's defense gave them plenty of help.

Captain Nir Klinger set up Greece's first goal in the 27th minute. In trying to clear the ball away for a corner, he found the

arm of fellow defender Moshe Glam, and the ball ended up in the back of the net, with goalkeeper Rafi Cohen unable to come to the rescue.

Neither team was particularly impressive in the run-up to half-time, but then, just one minute before the break, Glam was in the thick of the action again as he fouled Nikolaidis - who darted into the area from the right.

The referee did not hesitate and pointed to the penalty spot, as Vassilis Tsaras made it 2-0 by shooting low and hard to Cohen's left. The Greeks continued to expose Israel's weakness at the back. Confronting a defense which resembled a Swiss Gruyere cheese, the Greeks made several more forays at the visitors' goal, but could not hit the target.

In the 74th minute, Limpopolos crashed the ball onto the crossbar,

and just one minute later Greece had another chance to score, again from the penalty spot - when Alon Harazi brought down Kostas Apostolakis shot low at Bonnie Ginsburg, who played the entire second half. Ginsburg dove and deflected the ball over the bar.

Israel's consolation goal was scored by Ronnen Harazi in the 89th minute, when he only just managed to put the ball in the Greek goal after a good midfield move orchestrated by Eyal Berkovitz and continued by Haim Revivo.

Shlomo Scharf clearly has a great deal more work to do before Israel is ready for the World Cup qualifiers, which will begin later this year.

He will need to pay particular attention to the defense, as on yesterday's showing Israel will be able to patent its own form of cheese - one which has only holes and no yellow stuff.

Bulls punish Knicks at the Garden

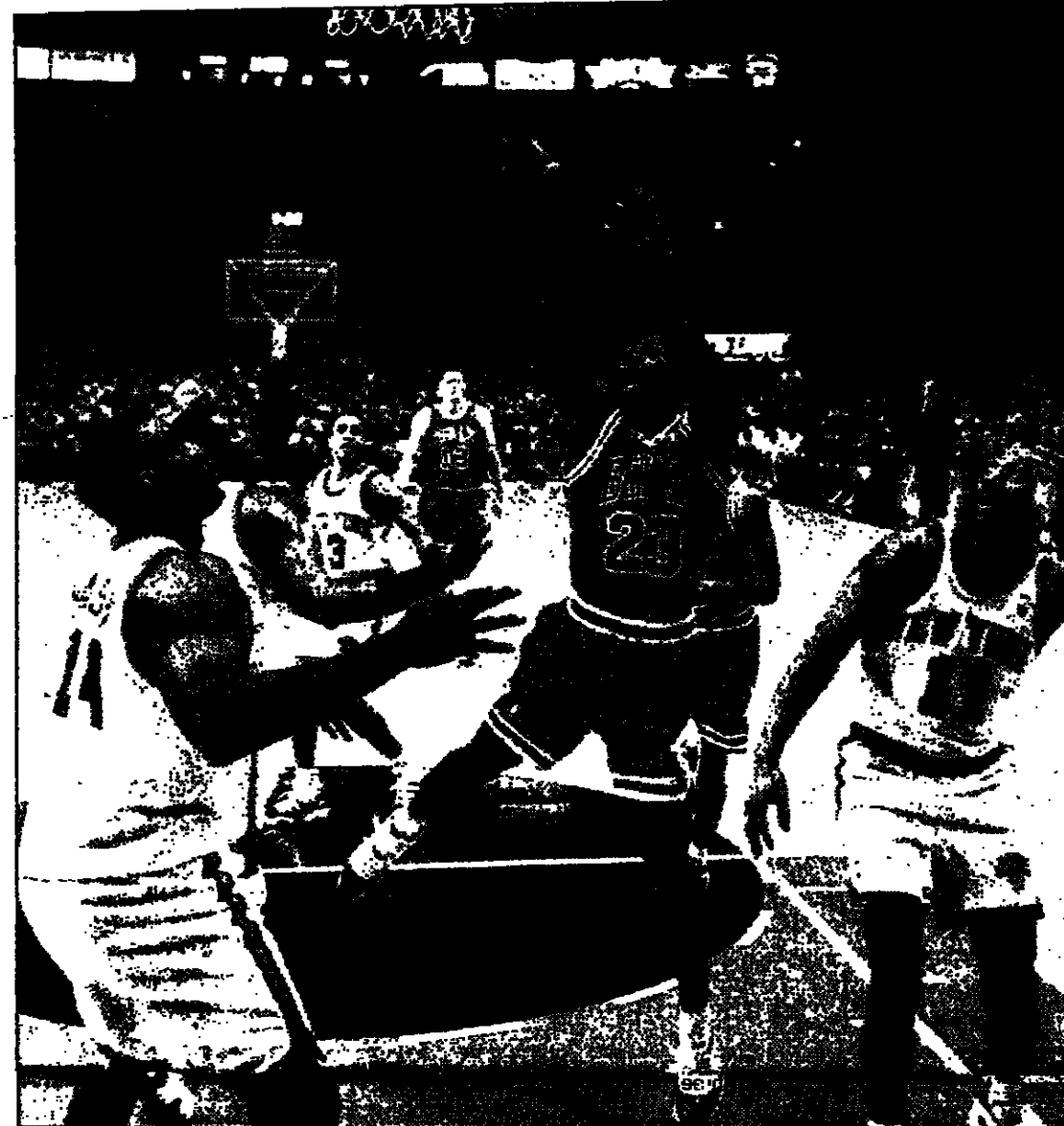
NEW YORK (AP) - Michael Jordan scored 33 points, and the Chicago Bulls blew past the New York Knicks with a 19-2 third-quarter run on the way to their 12th straight victory, 99-79 Tuesday night.

Jordan needed just 36 minutes to score his 33 points, the eighth straight game in which he's put up 30 or more. He's averaging 38.5 during his current streak.

The Bulls, 35-3 this season, opened a 20-point lead in the third quarter with their big run, and the score was 76-56 at the end of three quarters.

Down by nine at halftime, the Knicks made their best defensive stand of the game early in the third quarter, holding the Bulls scoreless for almost three minutes and cutting the lead to 57-50 with 7:44 left in the period. That was the last time New York would be in the game.

The Knicks, who have lost five of their last eight games and three straight at home, were led by John Starks with 15 points. Luc Longley had 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Bulls while holding Patrick Ewing to 10 points on 5-for-17 shooting.



EIGHTH AVENUE EXPRESS - Chicago's Michael Jordan goes downtown as New York's Anthony Mason (l) and Derek Harper look on helplessly. (Reuter)

Magic 105, 76ers 90

Shaquille O'Neal scored 20 points and Dennis Scott had five 3-pointers as Orlando stayed unbeaten at home.

Scott finished with 19 points for the Magic, who reached the halfway point of their home schedule with a 21-0 record. Nick Anderson had 17 points and Penny Hardaway 16.

Trevor Ruffin scored 21 points for the 76ers, who lost for the sixth straight time amid reports that coach John Lucas would be replaced as the Sixers trailed 48-39 at halftime after shooting only 33 percent (14-of-42) from the field. Philadelphia's starting five was a combined 6-for-25 in the half.

Pacers 117, Suns 102

Reggie Miller scored a season-high 40 points in host Indiana's demolition of Phoenix, handing new coach Cotton Fitzsimmons his third defeat in four games.

Charles Barkley, who returned to the Suns' lineup Sunday after missing six games with a toenail injury, scored 20 points, and Kevin Johnson had 17 for Phoenix.

Antonio Davis started in place of Rik Smits, who sat out with a sore right foot after leading the Pacers in scoring for four straight games. Davis finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

The Pacers opened a 15-point lead in the first 3 1/2 minutes of the second quarter as Miller scored 10 points,

including two 3-pointers, in a 12-4 run. Indiana stretched the lead to 64-47 at the half, then opened a 77-52 lead after Miller scored 12 points in the first five minutes of the second half.

Hawks 84, Cavaliers 72

Craig Ehlo scored nine of his 11 points in the fourth quarter, and visiting Atlanta held Cleveland to 13 in the final period to win its ninth consecutive game.

TUESDAY'S NBA RESULTS:

Toronto 86, New Jersey 79
Orlando 105, Philadelphia 90
Atlanta 84, Cleveland 72
Indiana 117, Phoenix 102
Chicago 99, New York 79
Utah 96, Portland 72
Dallas 111, Sacramento 109

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	29	10	.744	-
New York	24	14	.632	4 1/2
Washington	19	20	.487	10
Miami	17	21	.447	11 1/2
New Jersey	16	22	.421	12 1/2
Boston	15	24	.385	14
Philadelphia	7	30	.189	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	34	3	.919	-
Indiana	24	14	.632	10 1/2
Atlanta	21	17	.553	13 1/2
Cleveland	21	17	.553	13 1/2
Detroit	18	18	.500	15
Charlotte	18	20	.474	16 1/2
Milwaukee	15	22	.405	19
Toronto	11	28	.282	24

Red-hot Barcelona awaits Maccabi challenge tonight

BRIAN FREEMAN

MACCABI Tel Aviv faces a daunting task tonight in its European Club Championship battle against Barcelona in Spain.

It's not only the historical fact that even the greatest of Maccabi teams find it difficult to win in Spain (a 4-21 all-time record there during the championships).

Or that Maccabi, playing on the road, has not beaten a European club with a winning percentage above .215 since February 1992 (ironically against Barcelona).

Or that since 1984, Barcelona has trounced Maccabi the other five games in Spain by an average margin of 23 points.

It's also that this season's version of Barcelona is no easier to beat than the teams that have advanced to four of the past seven Final Fours.

In fact, Barcelona enters the game in first place in Group B with a 7-3 record, riding a five-game European winning streak.

The club, undefeated at home this season in European play, has a seven-game home winning streak over two seasons and has lost only one of its last 16 European games on its own court.

It has also won six straight Spanish league contests to move up to second place with a 17-5 record.

Barcelona is a well-balanced club. During its current five game European winning streak, which includes shocking away wins over Panathinaikos and Real Madrid in the last two contests, four different players have led the team in scoring.

The team's most complete play-

er is small forward Arturas Karnisovas, the Lithuanian international and Seton Hall graduate. He is averaging 20.6 points and 6.7 rebounds a contest, while shooting 46.4 percent (13-28) from three-point land and 87.5 percent (63-72) from the free-throw line.

The other foreigner, front court player Dan Godfred, averages 17.9 points and a team-leading 7.0 rebounds. He is also not afraid to shoot from the outside, hitting 47.6 percent (10-21) of his three-point attempts.

Barcelona, however, is not a team that relies only on its foreigners. The native-born members provide a wonderful supporting cast.

The team's impressive 43.6 percent (75-172) shooting percentage from three-point range is paced by Javier Fernandez, who knocks in an eye-opening 55.2 percent from behind the arc (21-28), including 62.1 percent (18-29) during the current winning streak.

The return of point guard Jose Galilea from injury with the beginning of the streak is surely not coincidental.

His steady play has helped direct the offensive, boosting the team's scoring production from an average of 80 points per game in five games he missed to 88.2 a contest since he came back.

The team philosophy has also allowed Barcelona to control the boards in almost all its games, despite no player averaging more than seven rebounds a contest.

In its first encounter against Maccabi earlier this season at Yad

Eliahu, Barcelona lost 94-85, even though Tom Chambers shot 0-14 from the floor and finished with only two points.

Chambers will hopefully reverse that performance tonight, after scoring 30 points in Maccabi's 94-82 victory last week over Benfica Lisbon.

Even if Maccabi fails to pull out a victory tonight, there is a good chance the two teams currently tied with it (Pan-Orthez and Cibona Zagreb) for the fourth and last quarter-final spot from the group, will also lose.

Pan-Orthez faces Panathinaikos in Greece, while Cibona hosts Real Madrid. The other Group B matchup pits Buckler Bologna against visiting Benfica Lisbon.

Tonight's Maccabi-Barcelona game is scheduled to be broadcast live on Channel 1 starting at 9 p.m.

European Club Championships

Group	W	L	Pts
CSKA Moscow	8	2	18
Benetton Treviso	7	3	17
Olympiacos	6	4	16
Ulker Istanbul	5	5	15
Malaga	4	6	14
Bayer Leverkusen	4	6	14
Antibes	4	6	14
Apkalis Salonika	3	7	13

Group B

	W	L	Pts
Barcelona	7	3	17
Panathinaikos	7	3	17
Real Madrid	6	4	16
Cibona Zagreb	5	5	15
Pan-Orthez	5	5	15
Maccabi Tel Aviv	5	5	15
Buckler Bologna	4	6	14
Benfica Lisbon	1	9	11

UConn wins by team record 70 points

HARTFORD (AP) - Rudy Johnson knows career games can come more easily against non-conference opponents like Central Connecticut State. He's not going to let that stop him from thinking he can score more in the Big East.

Johnson's confidence got a big boost Tuesday night, when he scored a career-high 24 points in 14 minutes as the fourth-ranked Huskies clobbered the Blue Devils 116-46, the largest victory margin in Connecticut's history.

Johnson finished 8-for-10, hitting all three of his 3-point attempts and all five of his free throws. Ironically, the only shots he missed were dunk attempts.

The Huskies (17-1) extended their winning streak to a school-record 16 and continued their tradition of crushing Central.

Rashamel Jones finished with a career-high 21 points and Ruslan Inyatkin's 11 points also were his best. Ray Allen, who missed his first five shots, made his next 11 and finished with 27 points. Daron Sheffer chipped in 11 points.

TUESDAY'S COLLEGE HOOPS:

Connecticut 116, Cent. Conn. 46
Massachusetts 77, Pittsburgh 71 (OT)
Texas Tech 72, S. Methodist 68

UConn 116, CENT. CONN. 46

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT (7-8)

O'Daniel 1-4 0-0 2, Langheim 0-6 0-2 0, Cross 4-16 1-3 9, Edwards 3-12 1-2 8, Dunlap 0-4 2-2 2, Pettaway 1-3 4-4 7, Taylor 0-6 0-2 7, Wallace 3-7 3-4 9, Anderson 1-4 0-0 2, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Graham 0-1 0-1 0, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 16-69 11-20 46.

CONNECTICUT (17-1)

King 3-7 0-1 6, Johnson 8-10 5-5 24, Hayward 0-4 6-6 6, Sheffer 4-10 3-3 11, Allen 11-18 2-2 27, Jones 9-15 0-0 21, Inyatkin 4-4 3-5 11, Moore 3-4 0-0 6, Klaiber 1-6 0-2 2, Carson 1-4 0-0 2, Chapman 0-3 0-0 0, Sro 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 44-85 19-24 116.

Halftime-Connecticut 64, Cent. Connecticut 26. 3-Point goals-Cent. Connecticut 3-16 (Taylor 1-2, Pettaway 1-3, Edwards 1-5, O'Daniel 0-1, Dunlap 0-2), Connecticut 8-18 (Johnson 3-3, Allen 3-5, Jones 3-5, Carson 0-1, Sheffer 0-4). Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Cent. Connecticut 34 (King 9, Johnson 9), Connecticut 39 (Edwards 9, Johnson 8, King 8, Dunlap 3), Connecticut 27 (Sheffer 11).

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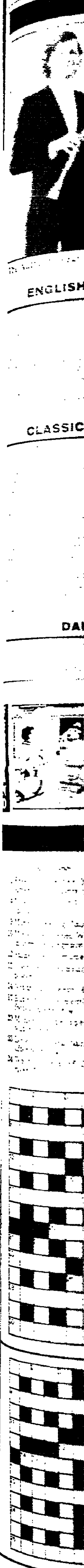
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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

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The Bomer Dance Company presents an evening of three modern dance works tomorrow (10 p.m.) and Saturday (9 p.m.) at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

THIS weekend provides a wonderful chance to catch three major actors at their artistic high points, when they could still surprise us.

Jack Nicholson hadn't yet lapsed into his repertoire of maniacal grins when he starred in the elegiac, bleakly funny 'Five Easy Pieces'. Watch for the classic diner scene, Friday at 10 p.m. on Second Showing.

In 'The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz', Richard Dreyfuss perfected the twitchy, wiseguy image that would carry him through so many other roles. The biting portrait of a Jewish kid on the make in Montreal can be seen Friday on Channel 1 at 10:10 p.m.

For years, Sidney Poitier singlehandedly carried the black man's burden in film. He did it with tremendous grace and quiet humor, but such complications as sex were rarely allowed to muddy the waters. In 'Lilies of the Field', for instance, his co-star is an East German nun.

It's a lovely movie, nevertheless. Catch it Saturday on Channel 1 at 11:45 a.m.

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Comptroller raps fundraising at universities

BATSHEVA TSUR

THERE are irregularities in the way the country's institutes of higher learning collect funds from their friends groups abroad, a report by the State Comptroller's Office, released yesterday, said.

It is therefore possible that millions of dollars in donations have not reached their destination, the report said.

The comptroller's office reviewed the auditing activities of the Council for Higher Learning's planning and budgeting committee, with reference to the Hebrew University, the universities of Tel Aviv and Haifa, Ben-Gurion University, Bar-Ilan University, the Technion, the Weizmann Institute, and the Bezalel Art School. Specific activities were examined at different institutes.

Those examined with regard to fundraising - Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Bezalel - were found to be deficient about receiving full information about donations and pledges, as well as the transfer of donations and the checking of receipts here against those abroad.

"Some of the donations remained with the associations [abroad], and it was not always possible to know what sums were involved. From the documents, it would appear that millions of dollars are involved," the report states.

The comptroller recommends that proper contractual relationships be set up between the institutes and the various friends associations. She also recommends new guidelines for traveling abroad for senior administrative staff.

With regard to building and development, the institutes examined were faulted with not having detailed long-term plans to deal with the expected growth in stu-

dent population. In two case studies - Tel Aviv and Bar-Ilan - funds for building were not allocated in advance and tenders were not put out to the general public, the report notes.

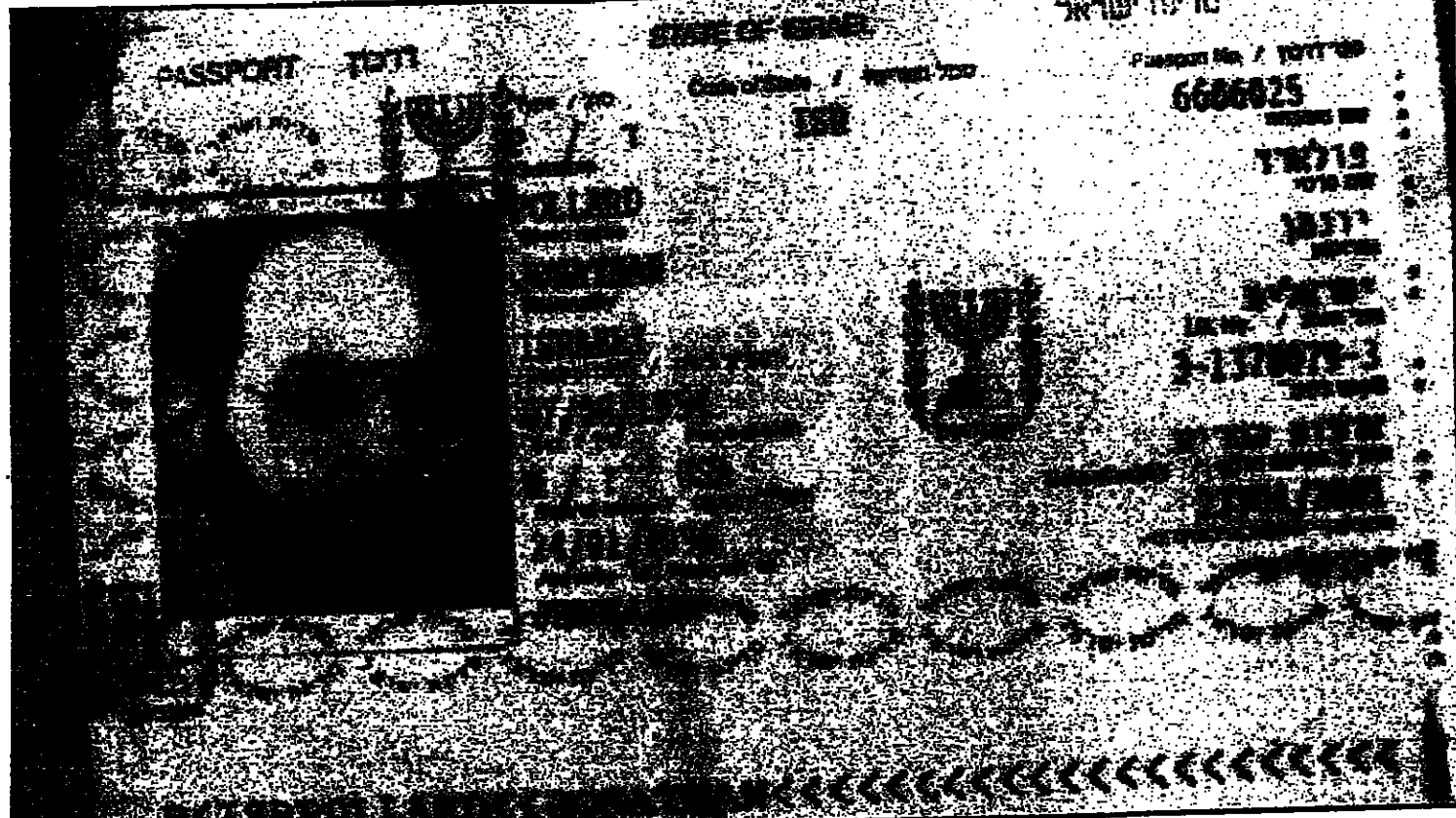
Tel Aviv University also took upon itself, the report states, the upkeep of property which it inherited and, in some cases, the upkeep was more expensive than the value of the property.

Bar-Ilan, the comptroller found, agreed to give certain donations to beneficiaries who were not entitled to them according to law, such as relatives of donors, who were awarded stipends and used donations as a lever for appointments of persons close to them.

At the Hebrew University, which receives works of art as donations from time to time, the lists of gifts were found to be incomplete. Only in September 1995 did the university's curator manage to put together an almost complete register of the various art works, the report states.

"The various frameworks for higher learning must examine their activities carefully and improve the decision-making processes to avoid unnecessary or unwanted obligations in the long run," the comptroller writes. "These could lead to financial difficulties in the institutes, to increased governmental intervention, and to limitations on their freedom of action in the future."

The comptroller also criticized the safety arrangements at the Bezalel Academy of Arts. In the past four years, the report says, there were 17 accidents among students and staff. Although studies there involve chemicals and machinery, Bezalel had not appointed a safety inspector. The report said.



Interior Minister Haim Ramon issued a passport and citizenship papers yesterday to Jonathan Pollard, serving a life sentence in the US for spying for Israel. 'I hope that in the near future it will be possible to put Israeli entry stamps into this passport, and that Pollard will soon join us in Israel,' Ramon said, adding that the documents would reach Pollard in prison within two days. (Brian Hender)

Opposition bills pass preliminary reading

LIAT COLLINS

THE opposition exploited the absence of most coalition MKs yesterday to pass three bills in preliminary reading.

The bills that passed despite government objections related to: protecting the religious status quo (submitted by Ze'evulun Hammer, National Religious Party); extending the Israel Electric Corporation's concession by only 18 months (Gideon Patt, Likud); and deducting the value of stolen vehicles from the funds transferred to the autonomous areas (Pini Badash, Tsomet).

Many MKs had left the Knesset early to attend the festivities in Netivot honoring the late Baba Sali, presumably to stump for the primary elections.

The government's own bill on the longer concession was scheduled to be raised yesterday but was postponed because of the absence of coalition MKs.

Explaining his bill, Badash said that every year 40,000 vehicles are stolen in Israel, and most of them end up in the territories. He said that the funds transferred to the Palestinian Authority every month, reportedly NIS 70 million, should be reduced to account for the losses caused by the car thefts.

"Only if the Palestinians feel the price of the thefts will they understand that they must take firm action to stop them," Badash said. He cited in particular "the unlimited nerve" of Palestinian policemen who can be found driving stolen vehicles.

NRP proposal on religious status quo passes hurdle

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset yesterday passed on preliminary reading a private members bill by Ze'evulun Hammer (National Religious Party) to protect the religious status quo as set by the 1950 Basic Law. The bill, which would amend religious laws would have to be approved by a special majority.

It is aimed at preventing the Supreme Court from making changes which would affect the status quo on religious affairs. In addition to Hammer, 15 other MKs are signed on the bill.

Hammer said the bill would protect the religious character of the state and to stop it from "becoming just another liberal-secular state."

It demands, among other things, that all legislation take into consideration the Jewish nature of the country and that the

Chief Rabbinate determine the interpretation of religious issues. Hammer stressed the bill would maintain the existing situation. "We're not talking about changing the status quo," he said by prime minister David Ben-Gurion," Hammer said.

The bill was vehemently opposed by Justice Minister David Liba'i (Labor) and Law Committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz). Liba'i said it would give the rabbinate supreme authority and harm the democratic nature of the state.

Zucker and Meretz faction chairman Ran Cohen later criticized the Likud and Tsomet MKs who supported the bill, saying that they were helping place Halacha above the law of the land.

WJC concludes assembly with focus on 'Jewish renaissance'

MARILYN HENRY

THE World Jewish Congress closed its Global Assembly last night in Jerusalem, having spent three days discussing Jewish education and identity and the renaissance in Europe, and meeting with Israeli officials.

"This assembly marks a turning point in the world Jewish agenda," said Edgar Bronfman, who was reelected president by acclamation by more than 1,000 delegates from 70 nations. It was the first time the WJC had devoted a substantial portion of a conference to internal Jewish issues such as education, rather than externally based issues like antisemitism.

Alarmed by reports of the decline in the number of Jews in the Diaspora, delegates said they were intent on strengthening

their communities and committed to what Bronfman called "a Jewish renaissance."

Delegates also pledged to support a WJC initiative, and press their cooperative to follow the US lead and try to isolate Iran for its support of terrorism. Legislation pending in the US Congress would impose sanctions on foreign companies that conduct oil and gas transactions with Iran.

Batsheva Tsur adds: Youth Aliya Department head Yehiel Leket yesterday attacked A.B. Yehoshua's message on Tuesday to the WJC, in which Yehoshua said Israel no longer needs either the money or the political support of world Jewry.

Speaking to the congress plenary, Leket said that only people of means are prepared to give up the assistance from world Jewry. In Israel, however, there are more than 650,000 people living below the poverty line, the majority of them children, and they surely would not want to give it up, he said.

"Whoever thinks that US Jewry no longer needs to contribute to Israel because we don't need them, has no moral right to ask for aid from the US taxpayers," Leket said.

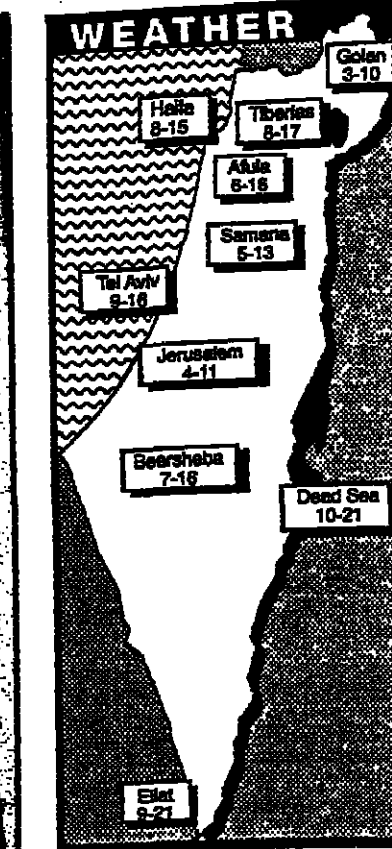
Peres off to Germany

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres flies to Munich today to attend a ceremony awarding the B'nai B'rith friendship prize to German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Peres will take the opportunity to confer with Kohl and will also meet with Germany's Defense Minister Volker Ruehe and Finance Minister Theo Waigel. He will return home tomorrow.

Batsheva Tsur

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the eight of spades, jack of hearts, queen of diamonds, and ace of clubs.



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.

AROUND THE WORLD

Table with columns for location, temperature (Low/High), and weather conditions for various global cities.

2 Meshulam followers sent to solitary

RAINE MARCUS

THREE of Uzi Meshulam's followers refused to get up for the routine morning headcount at Ramle's Ayalon Prison yesterday.

As this was the second time in a week they had done so, Prisons Service Commissioner Arye Bibi ordered them to face a disciplinary hearing. Avner Ozon and Rami Hibi were both placed in solitary confinement for 48 hours, and Zohar Hasson was given a "severe reprimand."

Meanwhile, the Movement for Quality Government has asked Bibi, Attorney-General Michael Ben Yair, and Police Comptroller Alex Ish-Shalom to change the conditions under which Meshulam and his followers are imprisoned.

It said Meshulam enjoys privileged treatment under the auspices and with the knowledge of "the most senior parties in the police and Prisons Service," and the these privileges violate Prisons Service and police regulations regarding treatment of prisoners.

This preferential treatment, the group said, also damages the rights of other prisoners, who are incarcerated in inferior conditions.

In a related development, Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge David Rosen yesterday acquitted Meshulam followers Ya'acov Cohen and Yehuda Lahiani on charges of causing a disturbance, "because of contradictions in police evidence." They allegedly blocked a police van transporting Meshulam during his trial.

But two other followers, Moshe Ron and David Ma'atuf, were convicted. Ron was found guilty of assaulting a policeman with a chair, and Ma'atuf was convicted of insulting policemen by calling them "Nazis."

Itim adds: Police yesterday raided a Rishon LeZion print shop and seized inflammatory posters put out by Meshulam's followers. The owner of the shop, a Bnei Brak man, was taken in for questioning.

Bill would limit censorship

LIAT COLLINS

A BILL that would limit the military censor's jurisdiction to incidents in which there is "certain harm to national security" passed its first reading yesterday.

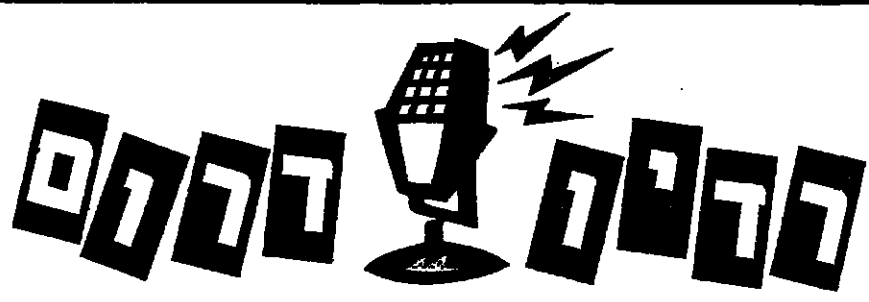
The bill was submitted by Dedi Zucker (Meretz), Eli Dayan (Labor), Yitzhak Levy (National Religious Party), and Dan Meridor (Likud).

Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr asked the bill's initiators to withdraw it since the government is preparing its own legislation on the subject, but they refused.

Zucker described the current censorship agreement as an "archaic arrangement depending on the Emergency Regulations of 1949. It is no longer valid."

"The arrangement gives far-reaching powers to the censor in an openly undemocratic manner. The editors are partners in this unwholy alliance," Zucker said.

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